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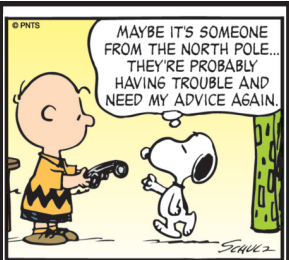
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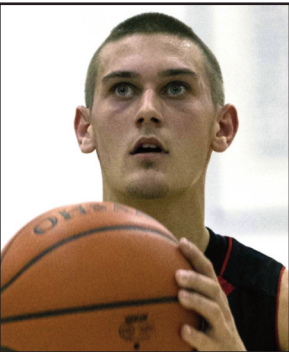


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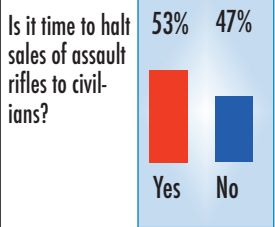
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Rezoning for housing plan sent to council

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

The rezoning of two sections of a 67.7-acre parcel optioned for purchase by a housing developer will proceed as an ordinance for consideration by Salem City Council.

City council voted 3-2 to move the two zoning issues forward Tuesday night, with Councilmen Clyde Brown and K. Bret Apple casting the dissenting votes. Councilwoman Cyndi Baronzzi Dickey and Councilmen Dave Nestic and Rick Drummond all voted for an ordinance to be written and presented to city council.

"I have a lot of qualms personally about it, but I have to do what my residents want," Dickey said.

She explained if the zoning ordinance didn't get to council, the proposed buffer zone of RS-2 single family residential extending 400 feet from the dead ends of Oak, Tanglewood, Kennedy and Edgewood into the property could be lost. That area is currently zoned RS multiple family.

Dickey represents the Fourth Ward, where residents along those dead ends live, including herself at the corner of Edgewood and Southeast Boulevard. She said the residents want the issue before council so a decision can be made once and for all.

Council and the Salem Planning Commission hosted a public hearing Tuesday regarding two zoning requests in connection to plans announced by the NRP Group of Cleveland for a three-phase

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Councilman K. Bret Apple

housing development of apartments and single-family homes along East Pershing Street, Butcher Road and Cunningham Road.

NRP asked to rezone 6.9 acres of land just south of the East Pershing Street extension to Butcher Road, from C-2 General Commercial to RA Multiple Family, where a portion of Phase I will be located. Phase I calls for an \$18 million investment consisting of a 120-unit walk-up apartment complex.

The Planning Commission agreed to recommend the zone change last month, then discussed created a zoning buffer to calm the concerns of the residents of the dead end streets who didn't want to see apartments right up behind their properties, even though plans did not include any construction that close to their homes.

The Planning Commission agreed earlier this month to recommend rezoning 14.3 acres of land 400 feet east of the end of Oak, Tanglewood, Kennedy and Edgewood from RA Multiple Family

to RS-2 Single Family Residential.

In both cases, the approvals were contingent on Phase I being built within two years. If the project doesn't move forward, the zoning will revert to what it was originally. A Second Phase would consist of 176 walk-up apartments located at the corner of Butcher Road and Cunningham Road. The Third Phase was described as 50 single family lots, west of Cunningham Road and southwest of Butcher Road extending south to the city corporation line.

When asked why he voted against having an ordinance drawn up, Apple said he had not seen enough about the infrastructure for the development to satisfy him. He saw no problem with the buffer zone, but he didn't understand why the plans for Phase I couldn't move into the area already zoned RA.

"I don't see why we need to change anything. I would like to see the commercial stay commercial for future development," he said.

During the meeting, Brown indicated he thought the commercial zone should stay commercial because the reason Pershing Street was extended was for economic development. He said he didn't consider apartments to be economic development. He also said he was voting the way the majority of the people he talked to wanted him to vote — they didn't want this.

See ZONING, 5A

SOUTH RANGE

Superintendent recommends open enrollment

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

BEAVER TOWNSHIP— South Range Local may be opening its doors to students residing outside the district to combat a projected operating deficit.

Schools Superintendent Dennis Dunham Monday night recommended to the school board to adopt an adjacent open enrollment policy for grades kindergarten through six only, as well as alter the academic schedule to reduce busing, in an attempt to eliminate a nearly \$855,000 deficit by July 2014. The board took no action on the recommendations at the meeting.

According to Dunham, a 4.9-mill, new money levy would generate \$842,800 annually— a yearly increase in taxes of \$257.25 for a \$150,000 home owner— and the district would only start collecting on it beginning January 2014. The school board would have to submit the levy to the board of elections by Jan. 7.

If the district were to fill the elementary classes to a capacity of 100 students, in addition to the 24 students for which the district receives funding via contractual agreements, the proposed open enrollment would generate \$1,054,688 annually in state funding for 184 students — equal to a 6.1-mill levy, Dunham said. The funding would be available at the beginning of the school year, he added.

Adjacent open enrollment means that the district will only accept students from the eight districts that abut South Range, Dunham said. A screening process can filter students with behavioral issues, but the school cannot reject students based on grades, and students must be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, he said. The policy must be approved each year, so the board can chose to end open enrollment if the district's financial situation improves.

See OPEN, 5A



Good tidings

It has not seemed like winter often this year, but the David Anderson High School chorus did draw some flurries when it performed at the gazebo on a recent afternoon. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)



Gas dips below \$3 gallon

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff writer

SALEM — Gas prices in Salem dropped below \$3 per gallon for the first time in almost two years. The price for regular unleaded gas at the Smith Oil service station at 980 E. State St. hit \$2.96 Tuesday afternoon after the price at the Circle K store in the 1100 block of E. State St. dropped to \$2.97 a gallon for regular gas on Monday.

Local stations compare prices in the city and price their gas accordingly. The AAA in Pittsburgh said the last time area gas sold at under \$3 per gallon was the week of Dec. 21, 2010.

Tuesday's national average of \$3.25 for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline was the lowest price of 2012.

The AAA said the prices have been driven lower by a number

of factors, including the switch to winter-blend fuel, which is less expensive to produce; increasing gasoline inventories; cheaper crude oil prices; lower demand; and economic concerns.

In Northeast Ohio gas prices continued to drop 18 cents to \$3.188 per gallon and have fallen over 35 cents during the past month.

"Relief is being felt by motorists across the country as pump prices continue to fall approaching the busy year-end holiday travel period," the AAA said, adding that crude oil prices have increased slightly over the last week.

"But they continue to trade lower than the same period in 2011 and have kept downward pressure on retail prices at the pump," the AAA said.

A sampling of area prices

show unleaded regular gas was selling in Alliance for \$3.199 a gallon; in Ashtabula, \$3.29 a gallon; in Niles, \$3.28 a gallon and Massillon was at \$3.983 a gallon.

At Monday's close of formal trading on the NYMEX, the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) settled at \$87.55 per barrel, up 47 cents on the week and \$1.99 from last Monday.

Holiday travelers searching for the lowest gas prices can download the free AAA Mobile app for their iPhone, iPad or Android devices, and iPad uses GPS navigation to help travelers map a route, find current gas prices and discounts and access AAA roadside assistance.

Motorists can learn about the AAA Mobile app and AAA Mobile Web at AAA.com/mobile.

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Gas prices in Salem dropped to below three dollars a gallon for the first time in almost two years, according to the AAA in Pittsburgh. Unleaded regular gas was selling at \$2.98 a gallon at the Circle K store in the 1100 block of E. State St. on Monday and Smith Oil, pictured, was selling unleaded regular at \$2.97 a gallon on Tuesday. (Salem News photo by Larry Shields)

Good morning Paul Heim. Thank you for subscribing to the Salem News.

WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Thursday...Showers. Breezy with highs in the lower 50s. Thursday night...Snow showers likely with a chance of rain showers. Little or no snow accumulation. Windy and cooler with lows in the upper 20s. Friday...Cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Windy and much cooler with highs in the lower 30s. Friday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Brisk with lows in the mid 20s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of flurries. Brisk with highs in the lower 30s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Monday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Christmas day...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Near steady temperature in the lower 40s. Thursday...Showers. Windy with highs in the lower 50s. Thursday night...Snow and rain showers likely. Light snow accumulation possible. Very windy and cooler with lows in the lower 30s. Friday...Snow showers. Very windy and much cooler with highs in the mid 30s. Friday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Very windy with lows in the mid 20s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of flurries. Windy with highs in the lower 30s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s.

Extended Forecast

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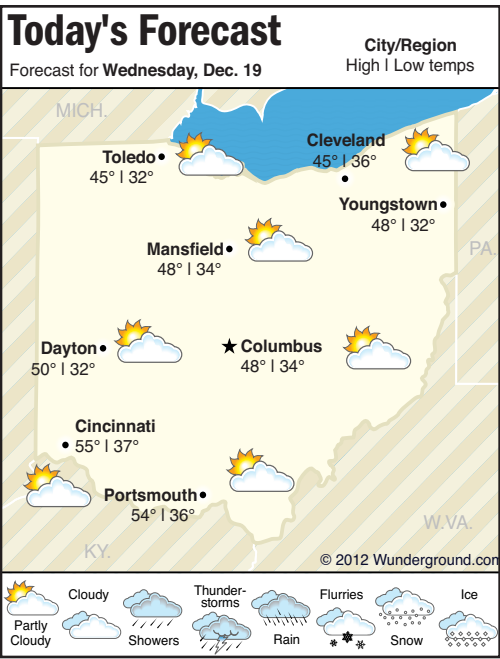
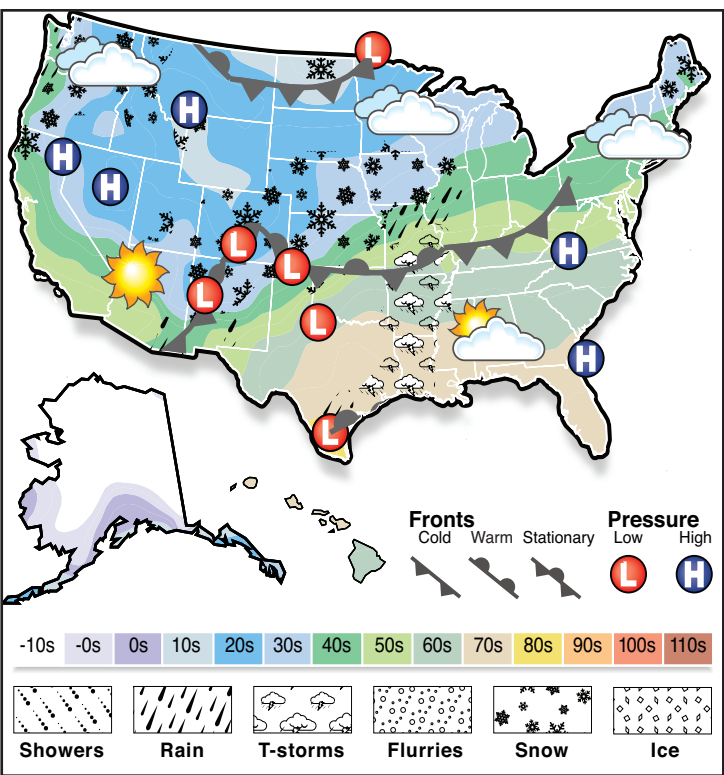
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ALMANAC

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 19, the 354th day of 2012. There are 11 days left in the year. Ten years ago: Secretary of State Colin Powell declared Iraq in "material breach" of a U.N. disarmament resolution. Five years ago: President George W. Bush signed legislation increasing fuel-efficiency standards for vehicles and requiring wider use of ethanol. One year ago: North Korea announced the death of leader Kim Jong Il, two days after he died; North Koreans marched by the thousands to mourn their "Dear Leader" while state media proclaimed his youngest son, Kim Jong Un, a "Great Successor."

CPA Isabella sentenced to five years in federal prison for wire fraud

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

Former Salem businessman Raymond G. Isabella, 55, was sentenced to more than five years in federal prison and ordered to repay more than \$1.1 million for wire fraud, bank fraud, money laundering and aggravated identity theft, federal officials announced.

Isabella, whose address had been listed on Lexington Avenue in Salem, had previously pleaded guilty to one count each of wire fraud, bank fraud, money laundering and aggravated identity theft, according to a press release.

Isabella had been a Certified Public Accountant licensed by the State of Ohio, and was the Chief Financial Officer of Intrasee Inc., a privately owned corporation, according to the federal indictment against him.

The indictment alleged that Isabella charged Intrasee excessive accounting fees totaling \$335,000 beginning in 2010 and obtained three loans from Huntington Bank in Intrasee's name without permission or authorization from the company's owners, falsely claiming the loans had been signed and approved by the Intrasee owners. The three loans together totaled \$1,075,230. The owners discovered what he had been doing in 2011. The indictment came out late last year.

"This defendant abused his position of trust," Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, said in a press release. "Economic crimes and identity theft threaten our nation and we will do everything within our power to stop them."

Stephen D. Anthony, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Cleveland office, added in the press release, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation is committed to protecting the viability of our businesses and financial institutions by rooting out fraud and theft."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew B. Kall, following investigation by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division, and the Avon Police Department.

Isabella could have faced up to 32 years in prison for all the charges in the indictment.

Isabella had been listed as the contact for Isabella & Company CPAs at 2789 E. State St., Suite 7, Salem, a location in the plaza on Cunningham Road across from the Walmart entrance, according to the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce website list of members when he was indicted. Many years ago he had been a member of the firm Arnold and Isabella on East Second Street and had left the area, returning in November 2011, according to a spokesman with the chamber.

According to Avon Lake Municipal Court online records, Isabella was originally charged with theft by Avon Police on Dec. 12, 2011. The case was dismissed Dec. 15, 2011, noting the case was being handled by the FBI. A Salem Police report on Dec. 12, 2011 noted a city police officer stood by while members of the Columbiana County Drug Task Force and Avon Police executed a search warrant at the apartment on Lexington Avenue.

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Last week for leaves in Lisbon

LISBON — This is the last week the Lisbon Street Department will be cleaning up leaves with the leaf machine. After this week, residents are asked to bag up their leaves for pick up on Fridays.

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Tom Doyle, back left, standing with family and co-workers, wipes his face as the funeral procession for 6-year-old James Mattioli, who died in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, approaches the St. John's Cemetery Tuesday in Darien, Conn. Center are his wife Debbie and daughter Emily, 10. Adam Lanza opened fire at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown on Friday, killing 26 people, including 20 children. (AP Photo)

NATION/WORLD

Surviving Sandy Hook students to attend school in neighboring Monroe, Conn.

MONROE, Conn. (AP) — The Connecticut students who survived a mass shooting at their school will return to class after the winter break at a school in a neighboring town.

Twenty students and six staff members were killed by a gunman on Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. The Connecticut Post reported Tuesday (<http://bit.ly/TY4dPC>) the school's other students will attend Chalk Hill School in Monroe.

Chalk Hill hasn't been used as a school since June 2011. Volunteers and town officials have been making it suitable for elementary school students.

Monroe Superintendent of Schools James Agostine's office says the school will reopen after Jan. 1 but a date hasn't been set. Newtown school officials will decide.

Monroe police Lt. Brian McCauley says authorities are trying to make sure the school is safe for when Newtown officials send teachers and students there.

Backing growing for gun control as Obama supports assault weapons ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional gun rights supporters showed an increased willingness Tuesday to consider new legislation to control firearms in the aftermath of the Connecticut school shootings — provided it also addresses mental health issues and the impact of violent video games.

A former co-chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, Democratic Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., and 10-term House Republican Jack Kingston — a Georgia lawmaker elected with strong National Rifle Association backing — were the latest to join the call to consider gun control as part of a comprehensive, anti-violence effort next year.

"Put guns on the table, also put video games on the table, put mental health on the table," Kingston said.

But he added that nothing should be done immediately, saying, "There is a time for mourning and a time to sort it out. I look forward to sorting it out and getting past the grief stage."

With the nation's nerves still raw over the murders of 20 elementary school children and six teachers, White House spokesman Jay Carney said President Barack Obama was "actively supportive" of a plan by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., to introduce legislation to reinstate an assault weapons ban. While Obama has long supported a ban, he exerted little effort to get it passed during his first term.

Independent board sends Benghazi findings, recommendations to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — An independent review board on Tuesday presented to Congress its report on the Sept. 11 attack in Libya that killed a U.S. ambassador and three other Americans, findings the Obama administration hopes will bolster its assertion that diplomats took all reasonable measures to anticipate and respond to the violence, and end months of finger-pointing and recriminations over whether the deaths could have been avoided.

Diplomats and intelligence officers alike have spoken about the rising risk in Benghazi and growing debate over how to improve security before the attack, set against Am-

bassadors Chris Stevens' decision to keep the Benghazi diplomatic post open and even visit there on Sept. 11.

Late that evening, militants overran the lightly defended U.S. Consulate, setting fire to it and ultimately killing Stevens and information specialist Sean Smith. Militants later fired mortars at the CIA safe house where survivors had taken refuge, killing Americans Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods, both former Navy SEALs working for the CIA who had come to help rescue the diplomats.

Retired Ambassador Thomas Pickering and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Adm. Mike Mullen led the independent review, studying cables, video and intelligence and interviewing some survivors. Their review will also include their recommendations on how to keep it from happening again. The classified section of their report was sent to Capitol Hill on Tuesday afternoon, a State Department official said. As it was being transmitted, the department began to implement its recommendations, with a team of senior diplomats convening to look at how to execute them.

Other news organizations kept NBC correspondent's disappearance a secret

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC was able to keep the abduction of chief Middle East correspondent Richard Engel in Syria largely a secret until he escaped late Monday because it persuaded some of this country's most prominent news organizations to hold back on the story.

Otherwise, the disappearance of Engel — probably the most high-profile international television reporter on a U.S. network — would have been big news.

Engel and three colleagues, producers Ghazi Balkiz and Aziz Akyavas and photographer John Kooistra, escaped during a firefight between rebels and their captors, forces sympathetic to the Syrian government. The journalists were dragged from their cars, kept bound and blindfolded and threatened with death. NBC said it did not know what had happened to the men until after their escape. The first sign of trouble came last Thursday, when Engel did not check back with his office at an agreed-upon time.

The Associated Press learned of Engel's disappearance independently and was asked to keep the news quiet upon contacting NBC, said John Daniszewski, the AP's vice president and senior managing editor.

Arbitrator: Miss USA contestant de-famed pageant by claiming it was fixed,

NEW YORK (AP) — A beauty queen who claimed this year's Miss USA contest was fixed has been ordered to pay the pageant organization \$5 million for defamation.

In a decision signed last week, an arbitrator found that the comments from Miss Pennsylvania USA Sheena Monnin were false, harmful and malicious. Monnin had alleged that the five finalists had been selected in advance of the pageant's live telecast.

The arbitrator, Theodore Katz, said Monnin had two motives: "She was a disgruntled contestant who failed to make it past the preliminary competition" and she objected to the pageant's decision to allow transgender contestants.

He wrote that the way the contest is judged "precludes any reasonable possibility that the judging was rigged."

DEATHS

Donald T. McCauley

LISBON — Donald T. McCauley 44, of Lisbon, formerly of East Liverpool, died on June 10, 2012. He was found deceased on Oct. 31, in Salem Township.

He was born on May 22, 1968 in East Liverpool, the son of Harvey and Sondra (Gill) McCauley.

Survivors include his daughter, Jamie Hilton of East Liverpool; and siblings, Stephen McCauley of Missouri, Carolyn Denise Sharp of Jackson, Tracey McCauley of Wellsville, Jessica McCauley of Toronto and Duke McCauley.

There will be no services held at the request of the family.

Arrangements were handled by the Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen & Sons Funeral Home of Salem.

To sign the guest book and view the obituary go to ap-greenisenfh.com.

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Rodger Carson

LAKE WALES, Fla. — Rodger Carson of Lake Wales, formerly of Salem, died Dec. 15 at the Winter Haven Hospital.

Born May 1, 1931, in Portage County, Ohio, he was the son of the late Lee B. and Hilda V. (Eans) Carson.

Mr. Carson was a retired regional sales manager for Reynolds Metal Company. He was a veteran of the Korean war, serving in the US Army, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales.

Survivors include his wife, Golda Mae Carson of 61 years; daughters, Linette M. (Rex) Simmons of Georgetown, Texas, Ruthie (Mike) Snyder of Salem, Ohio, Melanie (Greg) Gumbrecht of Davisburg, Mich.; a brother, Ronald Lucas of Winter Haven, Fla.; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday at the Marion Nelson Funeral Home with the Rev. Chad Reynolds officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to the Masonic Home of Florida.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.marionnelsonfuneralhome.com.

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Kathryn “Elaine” Exten

COLUMBIANA — Kathryn “Elaine” Exten, 90, formerly of Howard Street, died Monday morning at her home in Warminster, Pa.

Born June 24, 1922, in Lisbon, she was the daughter of Arthur L. and Kathryn Morris Evans Sr.

Mrs. Exten was a teacher for the Fairfield/New Waterford schools and then the Lisbon School District. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Columbiana.

Her husband, Robert E. Exten Sr., whom she married June 14, 1947, died June 8, 2000.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. Robert (Debra) Exten Jr. of Mansfield, Retired Lt. Col. Arthur Exten of Limestone, Tenn., and Raymond (Melissa) Exten of Chalfont, Pa.; nine granddaughters; one grandson; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Warlick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home with Clarence Mansfield, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Columbiana Cemetery where Eastern Star services will be held.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home where an Amaranth service will be held at 7 p.m. Calling hours also will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Sign the guest register and send condolences to the family at www.familycareservices.com.

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Eleanor Katherine Kost

YOUNGSTOWN — Eleanor Katherine Kost, 75, of Liberty Township, Youngstown, who made her home in Salem the last six months with her sister, died Monday evening at the Hospice House in Poland.

Arrangements are pending at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home in Salem.

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Virginia Mae (Hilliard) Cannon

SALEM — Virginia Mae (Hilliard) Cannon (fka Floyd), 95, of Salem, died at 5:45 a.m. Monday at Essex of Salem No. 1.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1917 in Salem, the daughter of the late Walter Sr. and Ella (Brown) Hilliard.

She retired in 1981 as a dietician at the Salem Community Hospital Dietary Department after 20 years. She had also worked at Hendricks Candy and the Atlantic and Pacific (A&P) Grocery Store. Virginia has also lived in Florida and Kentucky. She was a long time member of the Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her children, Crail William Floyd of Mansfield, Thomas Walter Floyd of Palm Bay, Fla., John Wendell Floyd, David Wayne Floyd and Sarah Lynn Kleinman, all of Salem; 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her second husband Donald Cannon in 1979.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen and Sons Funeral Home with Pastor Connie Sassinnella officiating. The burial will follow in Grandview Cemetery.

A time of visitation will be observed from noon to 2 PM on Thursday at the funeral home.

You can sign the guest book and view the obituary at ap-greenisenfh.com.

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SHERIFF

— A deputy was called to a home on Trinity Church Road, Hanover Township, at 3 p.m. Monday in regard to an unruly boy, who drove through the yard and fled as the deputies pulled into the driveway. As the deputies were speaking with the youth's guardians, the boy returned, telling them he realized it was a "stupid mistake." Two pellet guns were found in the car and confiscated. The boy and his guardians had been arguing about him stealing alcohol from his great-grandfather's house next door, but the guardians did not want anything done. They were advised to contact county juvenile court.

— A Wooddale Drive, Hanover Township, woman reported Monday receiving harassing text messages from a person he knows. The deputy spoke with the person, who agreed to quit texting him

— A Lippincott Road, East Rochester, woman reported Monday her step-daughter called to say she was coming over to take her children, who have been living with the caller for the past 18 months. The deputy told her to call back if she shows up.

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POLICE REPORTS

SALEM

— A man in the 300 block of North Madison Avenue reported a possible scam at 1:17 p.m. Tuesday, telling police he was contacted by a woman who said she wanted to verify his account number for a local bank due to medical information and claimed she was with the government. He didn't verify anything and told her he wanted to speak to a supervisor. A Spanish-speaking woman came on the line and he had a hard time understanding her and asked for another person and was given another Spanish-speaking woman. He said he was going to call the Better Business Bureau and they hung up. He talked to his bank about it and asked if police had received any similar complaints, which they had not. He wanted others to know about it.

— A woman in the 1200 block of Ceder Ridge Drive reported at 10:27 a.m. Tuesday that her unattached garage was entered either Monday night or Tuesday morning by an unknown person. A ceramic dish was broken and some graffiti was written on the inside of the garage and entry door. Black marker was used, stating threats towards the family.

— A woman reported at 6:03 a.m. Tuesday that she was stopped in the parking lot of Quaker Village on South Lincoln Avenue waiting to enter traffic on South Lincoln when a red S-10/Ranger truck pulled off of South Lincoln into the parking lot, striking her driver side door and rear driver side door while shattering her driver side window. The unknown driver fled the scene. The woman was not injured.

— An officer was stopped at 2:09 a.m. Tuesday on South Ellsworth Avenue at Pershing Street by an Allied Waste driver regarding a problem that occurred in front of a residence in the 500 block of Columbia Street at 1:05 a.m. Tuesday. An officer made contact with a juvenile and his father regarding the issue.

— Doug Smith, 228 Vine Ave. #10, was charged with disorderly conduct after police were called at 10:25 p.m. Monday to the 200 block of Vine Avenue for a domestic in progress. Officers spoke with all parties involved and one continued to be loud and belligerent. Smith was arrested for continuing to be loud and belligerent after being warned to stop.

— A juvenile problem was reported at 9:02 p.m. Monday in the 1000 block of North Lincoln Avenue where a woman said her juvenile daughter was acting unruly all day and left home without permission. Officers found her at another residence and brought her back home, speaking to all involved about options.

— Police were called at 8:57 p.m. Monday regarding an unknown disturbance in the 200 block of Vine Avenue, but learned it was just a minor dispute between husband and wife over the infant child crying. Officers were called back a short time later for the same problem. The report said they were no louder than any other people in all the other apartments in the building.

— A possible fight was reported in the Giant Eagle parking lot, 2401 E. State St., at 8:10 p.m. Monday. An officer spoke with all parties involved and learned it was just an argument over a misunderstanding. Nothing else was needed.

— An alarm activation was reported at 7:27 p.m. Monday in the 500 block of East State Street, but the exterior of the building was found secure.

— An officer was requested at 7:12 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of West State Street where a man said his neighbor's dog was always out running and using his yard as a bathroom. The neighbor was contacted and said she would start tying the animal up when she lets it out. She was told she could face a citation if the problem continues.

— A man in the 800 block of West Fourth Street reported at 5:56 p.m. Monday that he was getting harassing phone calls from someone, but no one talks. He said its an on-going problem. He was given his options.

— Police were called at 5:30 p.m. Monday to the 700 block of East State Street for a reported dispute. A woman said she was assaulted by her boyfriend while at the building. She was told her options.

— Police were called at 5:13 p.m. Monday for a vicious dog in the 400 block of East Eighth Street. An officer arrived and saw a large white dog in the driveway of the caller's residence acting aggressive. A juvenile neighbor said it was his dog and retrieved it, saying it broke its collar and got loose. He said he would tell his parents. An officer told him to have his parents call the police station.

— A woman on East Fourth Street reported at 4:48 p.m. Monday that she gave a check to a friend and now she fears some of her personal information may have been obtained. She was told her options.

— Jocarol Gray, 67, of Fairview Court, was cited for failure to yield after her eastbound vehicle on East State Street attempted to turn north onto Cunningham Road and collided with a westbound vehicle driven by Amy Torrence, 48, of North Lima, at 4:04 p.m. Monday. No injuries were reported.

— At 3:08 p.m. Monday, an officer met with a teenage girl and her friend who wanted to know how to handle a situation they found out about an adult female. They were told possible ways to handle the situation and were told, if needed, to come back to the police for further help.

— A person was reported going through dumpsters looking for scrap in the city and was told to move along at 2:42 p.m. Monday.

— A Hawley Avenue woman reported at 11:10 a.m. Monday that she was inside Giant Eagle, 2401 E. State St., for 20 minutes and returned to the parking lot to find a large dent in the lift gate of her van.

— A man from the 1200 block of North Ellsworth Avenue came to the police station at 9:29 a.m. Monday to report over the past few days, an unknown person from outside the United States took money out of his account without permission. The bank closed his account.

— An officer at 7:34 a.m. Monday met with the Salem schools transportation supervisor and a bus driver who said he was on Newgarden Avenue stopped at the intersection of Arch Street preparing to make a left turn when a maroon vehicle traveling south on Newgarden Avenue cut through the car wash lot at the corner of Arch Street nearly striking several children waiting for the school bus. The vehicle continued west on Arch, then turned around in the V.F.W. parking lot and traveled back toward Newgarden Avenue where the bus driver activated his red flashing lights. The vehicle stopped for the red flashing lights and the bus driver got the vehicle's registration, which came back to a Struthers resident. The children had been waiting near the sweeper at the car wash, but the officer told the bus driver that might not be a good place for them to wait since the car wash operated 24/7 and cars were in and out all the time.

COLUMBIANA

— A North Elm Street woman reported at 8:51 a.m. Monday a neighbor was putting her trash out with hers and was not paying for the service. Police spoke with the neighbor who said that they had been sharing the cost but she would get her own service from now on.

— Someone reported at 6:56 p.m. Monday they were behind a vehicle that was eastbound on state Route 14 that did not have any tail lights. Police notified the Beaver Township Police Department.

— The owner of One Choice Recovery requested at 8:19 p.m. Monday police go with them to their lot while the rightful owner of a vehicle collected personal items from the car. The caller said the owner had pulled a gun on them the other night during the repossession out of town.

LISBON

— A woman reported at 2:27 p.m. Monday there was a vehicle parked three feet from the curb across from Bye & Bye Hardware and it was causing problems for other vehicles. The vehicle was gone when an officer arrived.

— Officer Justin Madison was patrolling Pritchard Avenue at 2:13 a.m. Tuesday when he saw the dome light on in a pickup and SUV. Madison contacted the owner, who said the unlocked vehicles had been entered and that his GPS and sunglasses were missing from one of the vehicles.

— The sheriff's office transferred a 911 call from someone on Garfield Street who believed someone was in her garage. This was at 6:32 a.m. Tuesday.

— A state Route 154 resident reported Tuesday someone entered her unlocked vehicles overnight and stole some change.

COMMON PLEAS

New Cases JP Morgan Chase Bank v. Heidi and Randall Troyer II, et al; foreclosure sought. JP Morgan Chase Bank v. Jeremy and Leanne Becay, et al; foreclosure sought. William J. Smith, 56, of Sebring, and Molly A. Smith, 54, of Sebring; dissolution sought. Megan C. Martin of Salem v. Matthew A. Martin of Salem; divorce sought. Jeffrey C. Buck of East Liverpool and Diane C. Buck of East Liverpool; dissolution sought.	Glenn Dilling of Hammondsville v. Rogers Community Auction, et al; Dilling was at the auction in December 2010 when wooden steps slid out from underneath him, causing him to fall on concrete; \$25,000-plus in damages sought.	GMAC Mortgage v. Daniel K. Spiedel, et al; property withdrawn from foreclosure sale by GMAC due to possible loan modification. LaSalle Bank v. Douglas G. Greathouse, et al; lawsuit reinstated to active status.
Docket Entries Wells Fargo Baank v. Evan J. Wooding, et al; foreclosure ordered against property on Walnut Street, Leetonia. JP Morgan Chase Bank v. William Farley, et al; foreclosure ordered against property on Bradshaw Avenue, East Liverpool.		Marriage Licenses Norman E. Rice, 60, of East Liverpool, maintenance; and Nina K. Wilkes, 60, of East Liverpool, unemployed. Tod W. Blower, 51, of New Middletown, truck driver; and Karen J. Reidy, 50, of New Springfield, self-employed.

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PATROL

— Angela M. Rush, 26, Washington Street, Salineville, was northeast-bound on County Airport Road in Madison Township at 3:10 p.m. Sunday and went off the left side of the road, hit a tree and a culvert and overturned into a ditch. She was cited for failure to control.

— Anna C. Hardenbrook, 17, state Route 517, Columbiana, was northbound on Fairfield School Road in Fairfield Township at 11:40 a.m. Saturday and swerved to miss a deer and went off the right side of the road, hit a mailbox, re-entered the road, over-corrected and went off the right side again, drove through a yard and into a wooded area. She was taken to St. Elizabeth medical center in Boardman with non-incapacitating injuries.

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Charges pending in Leetonia high assault

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

LEETONIA — Charges are pending against a Leetonia High School student following what school officials are calling a spontaneous attack on another student Monday morning.

Police Chief John Soldano responded to the school at approximately 7:30 a.m. after the student reportedly struck a ninth-grade student in the face with a chair in the cafeteria prior to the start of classes. He said the result of his investigation has been forwarded to the juvenile prosecutor's office for possible charges.

According to the victim's step-father, Tom Durbin, who contacted the Salem News regarding the incident, the victim had been bullied and threatened by the suspect who had already been disciplined for prior actions against the victim. He said that his step-son sustained a broken nose and was bleeding from the mouth and nose after being struck in the face with a metal chair in front of several students and at least five teachers. He claimed that his step-son was not immediately assisted with his injury.

Principal Troy Radinsky confirmed the incident and said that he has punished the suspect, but said he could not elaborate on what occurred or what the punishment is. He did note that the incident is isolated to the two students.

Radinsky also said that teachers were assigned to the area at the time of the incident, and that they responded as soon as the issue was understood.

"This wasn't a fight, it was a spontaneous action," he said. "There was no recognition of the injury at first. There was considerable help by the staff once they understood the situation. I feel very strongly that no one has as caring a teaching staff as we do."

Radinsky said that the school has a policy regarding such actions and that the administration followed the policy "to the hilt."

"We definitely don't take any of these situations lightly," he said. "We're taking the necessary actions to ensure that our students are as safe as possible."

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OUR SIDE

Don't hand blank check to president

Assume for a moment that you could increase the borrowing limit on your credit card any time you wanted, without even notifying the financial institution from which you got it. Now that would be one sweet deal.

Until you couldn't make the monthly payments. And until your spouse asked what you were trying to pull by increasing the family's debt without talking it over first.

Well, that's precisely what President Barack Obama wants to do. It is part of the plan he is demanding conservative lawmakers approve to keep the nation from going over the "fiscal cliff" when automatic tax increases and government spending cuts kick in on Jan. 1.

Current law requires that the executive branch can borrow money to run government only up to a limit set by Congress, the so-called "debt ceiling." Periodically, often after bitter debate over our ever-increasing national debt (nearly \$16.4 trillion and growing), Congress has to increase the ceiling.

Obama is demanding he and future presidents be given authority to increase the ceiling on their own.

That's crazy. Conservative lawmakers of both parties should reject the plan flatly. No president should be handed a blank check.

In most schools, a student scoring 63.5 percent on a test would receive an "F." While that standard probably is too strict for judging the success of taxpayer-funded economic development initiatives, success in fewer than two-thirds of grant and loan programs still should raise eyebrows.

As required by state law, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has completed a report on whether recipients of economic development grants, loans, tax credits and other assistance complied with conditions on which the help was based. Such stipulations range from how many people graduate from vocational training programs to the number of new jobs created by a company getting state help.

DeWine's office found 162 of 255 recipients of incentives complied substantially with terms and conditions of the aid last year. That is a success rate of 63.5 percent.

That is better than the previous year, when just 59 percent of economic development aid recipients met conditions set for the help.

Still, state legislators may want to consider whether economic development aid is giving taxpayers adequate "bang for the buck." Ohio can't afford to hand out money without a reasonable prospect of success.



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Explaining evil: Dealing with 'pre-existing' condition



Trying to explain an evil act like the one that killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., is on a par with explaining how the universe was formed.

The natural human reaction after extending sympathy and prayers for the victims and their families is to ask what actions might have been taken to prevent the massacre. More gun laws? Connecticut already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Those laws did not prevent a man with evil intent from carrying out his heinous act.

Some will blame TV and video game violence. Depictions of murder and other violent acts on TV and in the movies have grown in recent years, but people killed

people long before TV and movies. Such explanations are too easy.

Would armed guards at Sandy Hook have helped? Possibly, but do we want guards at every elementary school, patrolling not only the halls, but playgrounds where kids ought to be able to play in an atmosphere of fun and freedom? That may be where we are headed.

What about locked doors? Sandy Hook's doors were reportedly secured, but the shooter still managed to somehow gain access.

As much as humans have tried for millennia to prevent evil acts, we have not succeeded. In the modern era, Woodrow Wilson believed his League of Nations would usher in peace on Earth, if not goodwill to men. The United Nations followed that aborted experiment. The U.N. has been equally unsuccessful in preventing the slaughter of innocents and other evil acts.

Political leaders not usually identified with spiritual concepts are making use of the word "evil" in accurately describing what happened in Newtown. We hear calls for prayers from politicians committed to the separation of church and state. Whether it is Columbine, Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora, Ft. Hood, Oklahoma City or the 9/11 terrorist attacks, evil seems to have gained a foothold in America.

Not every parent with a child in public school has the option of home-schooling, but that is something they might want to consider if they want to create a completely safe environment. Even private schools can't offer full protection from a deranged mind hell-bent on carnage.

More information about the killer will surface in the days to come, but even if we learn he was psychotic and off his medication, that will not satisfy our communal anger or anguish. It will not explain evil. It will not explain why 26 innocent lives were lost.

The way to deal with evil is to first acknowledge that it exists and that we all possess the potential for it. We don't become evil by what we do, but because of who we are. We are human beings, not God. We are not "basically good," as some claim, we are

imperfect and fall far short of any true standard of perfection.

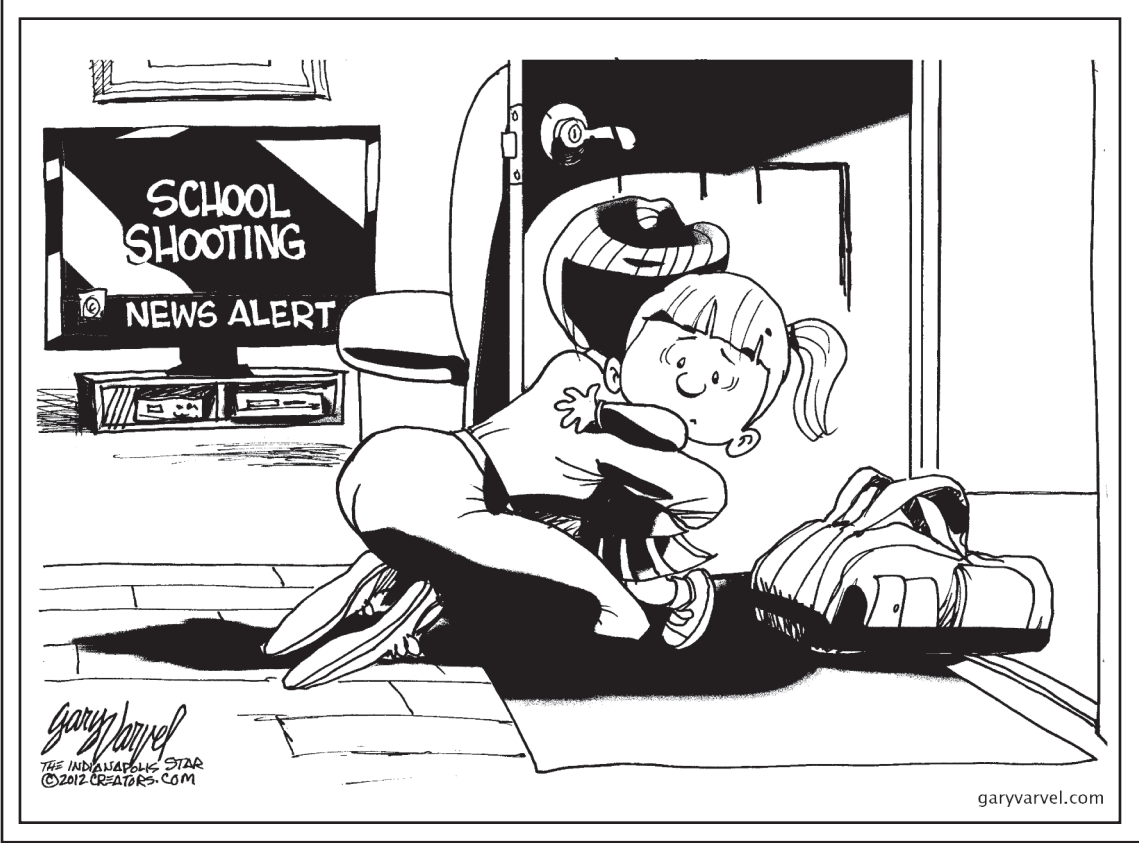
Evil is a "pre-existing condition." In some it is controlled by an inner compass, or by laws and cultural constraints. When it is not, we get Sandy Hook and tragedies like it. We get what we do not understand and cannot begin to fathom.

There may be no greater expression of evil than the murder of children in their classrooms. In calling for prayers, officials have taken an important first step in combating evil, but a larger question should be asked. Perhaps theologians, pastors, priests and rabbis are the ones to ask it, but permit me a suggestion.

If there is a source of evil, is there also a source of good? And if there is, has that source for good been offended by all of the accumulated evil we are piling up, affording it an upper hand?

As a friend of mine says, "Not a sermon, just a thought."

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Un-hitching the middle class

As politicians compete to prove who loves the middle class more, they're missing the elephant and the donkey in the room.

The middle class needs not just tax breaks and jobs but also marriage.

This is the finding of a new University of Virginia and Institute for American Values report, "The State of Our Unions," which tracks the decline of marriage among the nearly 60 percent of Americans who have high school but not college educations. This not only has far-reaching societal repercussions but economic as well. By one estimate cited in the report, which was authored by five family scholars, the cost to taxpayers when stable families fail to form is about \$112 billion annually — or more than \$1 trillion per decade.

Obviously, marriage or the lack thereof isn't the only cause of our deficit spending, but nor is it irrelevant. Consider that in the 1980s, only 13 percent of children were born outside of marriage among moderately educated mothers. By the end of this century's first decade, the number had risen to 44 percent. That we seem unfazed by these numbers suggests a lack of attention to the reasons why marriage matters in the first place. It isn't so that wedding planners can bilk daydreamers out of \$50 billion a year or so that bridezillas can have reality shows. Marriage matters because children do best when raised in a stable environment with two committed parents, exceptions notwithstanding.

For whatever reasons — a fear of appearing judgmental or hypocritical, perhaps — no one makes a peep. Many of us, after all, have divorced. But this fact doesn't mean marriage is no longer important or that children's needs have changed. Furthermore, this report isn't concerned with the well-educated who are typically better equipped to cope with dysfunction, financial or otherwise.

What happens to the other 60 percent? And what happens to a society upon whose beneficence the offspring of these broken or never-formed families ultimately may depend? Why isn't anyone talking about this?

In the past, dramatic family changes have prompted calls to national action. The Moynihan Report of 1965 focused attention on the alarming rise of African-

American children born out of wedlock. In the 1990s, rising divorce rates and single motherhood spawned a fatherhood movement and welfare reform. Recently, same-sex marriage has dominated our interests.

The hollowing out of marriage in middle America cries out for similarly impassioned action. As lead author Elizabeth Marquardt writes in the report:

"Marriage is not merely a private arrangement; it is also a complex social institution. Marriage fosters small cooperative unions — also known as stable families — that enable children to thrive, shore up communities, and help family members to succeed during good times and to weather the bad times. Researchers are finding that the disappearance of marriage in Middle America is tracking with the disappearance of the middle class in the same communities, a change that strikes at the very heart of the American Dream."

Our current debate about the fiscal cliff and entitlement spending can't be separated from the breakdown of marriage. In the absence of stable families, economic/societal need increases. And while most good-hearted souls wish to help those in distress, we are essentially plugging holes in leaky boats. Shouldn't we build better boats?

The report's scholars suggest doing this with a series of federal and state proposals. One is to change the tax and welfare system, which frequently imposes financial penalties — up to 20 percent of family income — on low-income couples who choose to marry.

Another suggestion is to triple the child tax credit for children under 3, which would have the added benefit of encouraging married people to have more children — much needed in the longer-term to support the nation's elderly.

These are but two of many, which can be viewed online at stateofourunions.org, along with an urgent plea that President Obama include some of these thoughts in his own State of the Union next month. It insults no one to encourage couples to marry before having children, thus making a public as well as private commitment to love and care for them.

Perhaps most important, to ignore the marriage deficit among America's middle class is essentially to be complicit in perpetuating a society of winners and losers. Those born to married, well-educated parents are more likely to prosper, while those born to fragmented families are more likely to repeat the patterns of their parents.

Therein is a national tragedy worthy of our attention.

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OTHER VOICES

The Columbus Dispatch, Dec. 16

The plan Gov. John Kasich released about how to make the Ohio Turnpike's revenues work for Ohio demonstrates his business acumen.

After a consultant's study showed that leasing the 241-mile turnpike to a private company likely wouldn't pay enough upfront to make it worthwhile to hand over a state asset, Kasich took a pass.

Instead, the administration has struck an inventive compromise....

The turnpike will not be leased. It remains in the state's hands. Employees won't be laid off. Instead, the state will sell bonds against future turnpike revenues and use those dollars — \$1.5 billion from bonds plus \$1.5 billion in matching local and federal funds — to speed rebuilding of the turnpike and other roads across Ohio. This \$3 billion offsets

a \$1.6 billion highway-budget deficit, meaning roadwork postponed by the Ohio Department of Transportation for 20 years now gets done in six. And gas-tax hikes, which kill jobs and strain family budgets, don't happen....

The Ohio Turnpike Commission remains an independent, public governing body and gains a stronger role, overseeing where bond money is spent and working with ODOT....

Good solutions are often simple, but not always obvious. The governor's plan still will require legislative changes, to allow spending turnpike revenue more than one mile from the toll road. But Kasich's home-equity line for the Ohio turnpike is politically and practically elegant. It calms angst up north, plugs another deficit without raising taxes and is backed by the Turnpike Commission.

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OPEN FROM 1A

Considering the difficulty school districts across the state have had in passing new money levies, as well as the insufficient boost a levy would give to the budget, Dunham told the board that he does not view a levy as a viable option for South Range. He said he does not believe a levy plus open enrollment will work because people likely won't approve a levy, nor will open enrollment and cuts because then there is no incentive to attend South Range.

Several parents voiced complaints about open enrollment, though, expressing concerns such as bad elements coming in and open enrollment families not paying taxes to the school. Many of them encouraged the board to pursue a levy instead of open enrollment.

But Dunham responded with confidence that the district can bring in desirable students.

"Open enrollment attracts students and families making a commitment to the district, who value education and want to be here— new blood that can be positive for the district," he said.

Other recommendations

Open enrollment isn't the only significant cost saving maneuver Dunham recommended Monday night.

He suggested that the board alter the academic schedule so that all students kindergarten through 12th grade are attending school at the same time. Doing so will enable the district to reduce bus routes to one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with kindergarten through 12th-grade students riding at the same time. Such an action could save the district over \$56,000 in fuel, as well as decrease maintenance costs, he said.

Acknowledging that such action would likely mean a need for more buses and more drivers, Dunham said a decrease in driver's hours and including extra work such as field trips in the regular work week could save the district an additional \$57,000.

Other cost savings recommended by Dunham included \$100,000 in materials and supplies through rationing and awareness, and \$100,000 in purchased services (utilities, maintenance, monitoring) through reductions and awareness.

He noted that the district could look at staffing, which constitutes 80 percent of the budget, but all employees are currently under an absolute pay freeze, relatively few are nearing retirement age and staff positions are already being consolidated. He also noted that programs that would be cut include library services, guidance and OWE in addition to electives, programs that are vital to the school's demographics.

"None [of the recommendations] are easy, none are painless, but it's where I believe we need to go," Dunham said.

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MUNICIPAL

LISBON — In Columbiana County Municipal Court Tuesday, William O Aites, 43, Kensington, Pa., was fined \$150 for unsafe vehicle.

Craig C. Murray, 37, Bye Road, Columbiana, was fined \$300, placed on one year intensive probation and ordered to perform 25 hours community service for driving under suspension and no valid sticker.

Marvin L. Barber III, 19, Beechwood Road, Salem, was fined \$100 for speeding. Reckless operation charge dismissed.

Nicholas R. Young, 19, Alice Street, East Palestine, was fined \$300, placed on one year intensive probation and ordered to perform 40 hours community service for driving under suspension and traffic control devices.

Valerie J. Dennison, 24, Vine Street, Salem, was fined \$130, placed on one year intensive probation and ordered to perform 20 hours community service for driving under suspension and seat belt.

Justin E. Crowl, 21, Bayard Road, Minerva, was fined \$130, placed on one year intensive probation and ordered to perform 30 hours community service for driving under suspension and expired registration.

David D. Crooms, 46, Clarks Mill Road, Salineville, was fined \$100 for disorderly conduct. A Dec 19 jury trial was set for assault charge.

Brian E. Haines, 25, Failer Road, East Palestine, was fined \$150, sentenced nine days jail and placed on one year basic probation for domestic violence.

A Feb. 12 pretrial was set for Lucas J. Sutton, 24, Randall Road, Hanoverton, charged with OVI second offense and two lights displayed.

A Feb. 12 review hearing was set for Samuel P. Scanlon, 21, Vine Street, Salem, charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

A Feb. 25 pretrial was set for Joseph M. Morris, 39, South Lincoln Avenue, East Palestine, charged with driving under FRA suspension.

A Jan. 29 review hearing was set for Robert A. Metzgar, 78, Ohio Avenue, Salem, charged with disorderly conduct.

A Feb. 4 pretrial was set for Carrie L. Stone, 53, Hisey Road, New Waterford, charged with OVI second offense and assured clear distance ahead.

A Feb. 5 pretrial was set for William J. Martin, 40, Clarks Mill road, Hammondsville, charged with driving under 12 point suspension.

A Jan. 22 pretrial was set for Malakia Z. Hilton, 22, Short Street, Salem, charged with speeding and improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle.

A Jan. 24 pretrial was set for Nancy A. Dickson, 47, Maple Hill, Salineville, charged with OVI first offense, OVI refusal with prior within 20 years, and open container.

A Feb. 7 pretrial was set for Lacey J. Dabler, 26, state Route 170, Negley, charged with failure to register and failure to confine dogs.

A Dec. 20 pretrial was set for Douglas L. Smith, 40, Vine Street, Salem, charged with disorderly conduct.

A Jan. 28 pretrial was set for John D. Gbur, 44, South Lincoln Avenue, Salem, charged with domestic violence.

A Jan. 3 pretrial was set for Teresa S. Cassinger, 35, East Fourth Street, Salem, charged with domestic violence.

A Jan. 15 restitution hearing was set for Jeana M. Baddeley, 26, Norman, Alliance, charged with theft.

A Jan. 7 pretrial was set for Paul L. Shockley, 20, Johnson Road, Lisbon, charged with domestic violence.

Kasich: Statehouse guns, Conn. shooting separate

COLUMBUS (AP) — Gov. John Kasich said Tuesday that a bill he'll soon sign allowing guns into the Ohio Statehouse parking garage is "completely separate" from school safety enhancements he's pursuing in the wake of shootings in Connecticut.

The Republican governor told reporters Tuesday that he's rejecting calls to veto the bill because it passed overwhelmingly and represents a measured approach.

"As we move forward, whatever we do, we don't want to erode the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens," he said.

Kasich said he had his education adviser convene a committee involving the attorney general's office, and the state departments of Education, Mental Health and Public Safety, including Homeland Security, after 20 children and six adults were killed Friday in Newtown, Conn. He said the group will continue to watch the national conversation and make sure Ohio schools are safe.

"I think that it would be a big mistake for us not to focus on the fundamental cause of this violence, which in many cases is deep societal issues that involve treatment of the mentally ill. It involves the unbelievable amount of violence that we see every day, whether it's in the movies or on television,"

he said. "And the most important thing for us right now here in the state of Ohio is to make sure we have safe schools, and we're going to do everything we can to do it."

The governor said as a result of the Connecticut shooting, Mental Health Director Tracy Plouck is keeping tabs on families in Chardon, where three were left dead after a school shooting this year.

"We kept an eye on Chardon as a result of the long-term impact of what happened there," Kasich said. "We're trying to bring as much assistance as we can."

Ohio Republican Party Chairman Bob Bennett criticized Kasich's predecessor, Democrat Ted Strickland, for making similar calls for a national discussion and a search for the root causes of school violence that were made after a meeting of the Ohio Electoral College on Monday. Strickland is weighing a potential gubernatorial bid against Kasich in two years.

Bennett said Strickland's first and only concern should be for the safety and well-being of victims of the Connecticut shootings. "Everything he does and says ought to be on behalf of the victims, instead of going to a Statehouse full of reporters to speak about such a political issue," Bennett said.

Green trustees OK defibrillator purchase

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff writer

GREENFORD — Trustees approved purchasing a refurbished Automated External Defibrillator for the fire department on Tuesday.

Fire Chief Todd Baird said the unit being replaced was purchased in 2002 for \$16,000 and was inoperable. He said the cost of a new unit is almost \$27,000.

Baird explained that \$4,000 from an EMS equipment fund, \$1,000 from the fire department memorial fund would leave a balance of \$2,476 for trustees to contribute for the unit and they were looking at a one-year warranty.

The AED was important enough for the fire department to empty out the memorial fund to help pay for it, Baird noted.

Baird had other department house-keeping and advised trustees they were

dropping the Verizon air cards that will save \$86 a month. He also requested \$900 for fitness tests for 20 firefighters at \$45 each.

In other business, Police Chief Steve McDaniel said the department responded to 408 events and the vehicles clocked over 6,000 patrol miles in November.

The biggest thing going on, he said, was car versus deer accidents which were "up a little" otherwise "everything else is about the same."

Trustee George Toy said he received another complaint about trash on Garfield Road and McDaniel said he had not received a complaint adding that police needed to be able to prove it.

Trustee Chairman Mark Stepuk suggested that police could tell whoever it was that it was their garbage and McDaniel said they could get the garbage and look for names, but he still needed

a report.

"But we have to be able to prove it," he said.

Also, Zoning Officer Bill Pitts said there was one building permit for a garage for November and said the burned-out property at the bottom of Millville Hill was scheduled for a hearing by the health board.

Pitts said permit fees totaled \$9,249 for the year representing \$1.8 million in property valuations.

Christmas tree recycling will begin Dec. 26 through Jan. 31 on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the township cemetery at state Route 165 and Beaver Creek Road.

Trustees set the 2013 re-organizational meeting for 6:30 p.m. Jan 15, before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Big spenders won more political races

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — Money may not buy you happiness but it sure comes in handy if you're running for elected office. Just ask the candidates running for office in the Nov. 6 election.

Last week was the filing deadline for post-election campaign finance reports, and winners outspent losers in four of the six contested county and state races.

Only in the race for state representative and Columbiana County treasurer were the eventual winners outspent by the loser during the final three weeks of the campaign, which is the period covered by the post-election reports.

As expected, the most expensive race was for state representative, where incumbent Republican Craig Newbold reported spending \$276,700 during the final weeks. Democratic challenger Nick Barborak, who spent \$185,838, won a close race, unseating Newbold 50.6 percent to 49.4 percent.

The great majority of funding for both candidates came from their state political party organizations.

Newbold spent \$231,446 in his pre-election campaign finance report to

Barborak's \$107,518, for a combined \$801,502, making it by far the most expensive race in county history.

Democrat Linda Bolon went on to an easy victory in the race for county treasurer — 56.4 percent to 43.6 percent — despite being outspent by Republican challenger Eldena Gearhart \$11,306 to \$8,099.

Following is a list of the other campaign finance reports by race. In all of these races the winners outspent the losers:

County Commissioner, Jan. 2 term

Republican Tim Weigle, who won a three-way race against Democratic incumbent John Payne and independent John Wargo, reported spending \$11,562. Payne's expenditures totaled \$2,279, and Wargo spent nothing. Weigle won the race with 47.6 percent of the vote to 38.4 for Payne and Wargo's 13.9 percent.

County Commissioner, Jan. 3 term

Incumbent Republican Jim Hoppel outspent Democrat challenger Joe Csonka, \$4,646 to \$4,078. Hoppel was elected to a record fifth consecutive term defeating Csonka 54.5 percent to

45.5 percent.

County Sheriff

Incumbent Republican Ray Stone outspent Democratic challenger John Soldano \$8,695 to \$3,732. Stone won re-election 55 percent to 45 percent.

County Recorder

Republican winner Theresa Bosel outspent Democratic opponent Brenda Dickey Myers \$6,310 to \$337. Bosel won a close race, defeating Myers 50.5 percent to 49.5 percent.

Not surprisingly, the biggest spending occurred in the U.S. representative 6th District race, which is subject to a federal reporting period that is different than the other races.

U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson, R-Marietta, and Democrat challenger and former congressman Charlie Wilson spent a combined \$3.56 million during the final federal reporting period — \$1.99 million for Johnson to Wilson's \$1.57 million. Johnson won a second term, defeating Wilson 53.2 percent to 46.8 percent.

During the three weeks prior to the election, the county Republican Party outspent the Democrat Party by a 3-1 margin — \$34,759 to \$10,612.

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ZONING FROM 1A

Drummond moved for the issue to go forward and Nestic seconded the motion. Councilmen Brian Whitehill and Jeff Cushman were unable to attend the meeting, but Whitehill, who lives on Tanglewood, had his wife Shannon read a statement he prepared. He proposed that NRP offer for sale at a reasonable price the section of land to the west that they say won't be developed.

NRP doesn't own the property yet, but has an option to purchase the parcel.

He also said in the statement that it was unacceptable that the rezoning for single family revert back to multiple family, indicating the zone change needed to be permanent. He also suggested a wetland conservation easement for the area to the west to ensure no development takes place on that section of land.

City Planning and Zoning Officer Patrick Morrissey had addressed the idea of a conservation easement earlier and said that would not be good for the city because they would not be able to cross it with water lines or sewer lines that could hook into the lift station NRP will have to build at their expense to accommodate the

project.

Sustainable Opportunity Development Center Executive Director Larry Kosiba outlined what the development could mean to the city, such as helping to pay for the infrastructure debt from the TIF zone in the area and bringing in additional income tax revenue from both the construction and the residents.

He also touched on deed restrictions some people were requesting, noting that any permanent deed restrictions should be avoided. As an example of why, he said the Holiday Inn Express project near Home Depot is being held up over a deed restriction property owners

had formed. He said Home Depot was challenging whether a hotel could be built on that site.

In regard to previous concerns raised about an increase in water runoff for residents along the Cunningham Road area, Morrissey said the city requires a storm water runoff study for these type of developments and a detention area would have to be incorporated into the company's plans.

Concerns were raised about increased traffic, also, for Cunningham Road, along with questions on whether the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency or the Army Corps of Engineers had been consulted

about the wetlands, whether a topographical study had been done concerning mines on the property and what type of tenants would be living in the apartments.

Nestic asked NRP Developer Mary Hada what happens if the rezoning request from C-2 to RA isn't approved and she said they'll just move Phase I about 400 feet south, which would mean less space to develop and probable result in the elimination of one phase.

She said they wanted Phase I in that area because it would be closer to the water lines.

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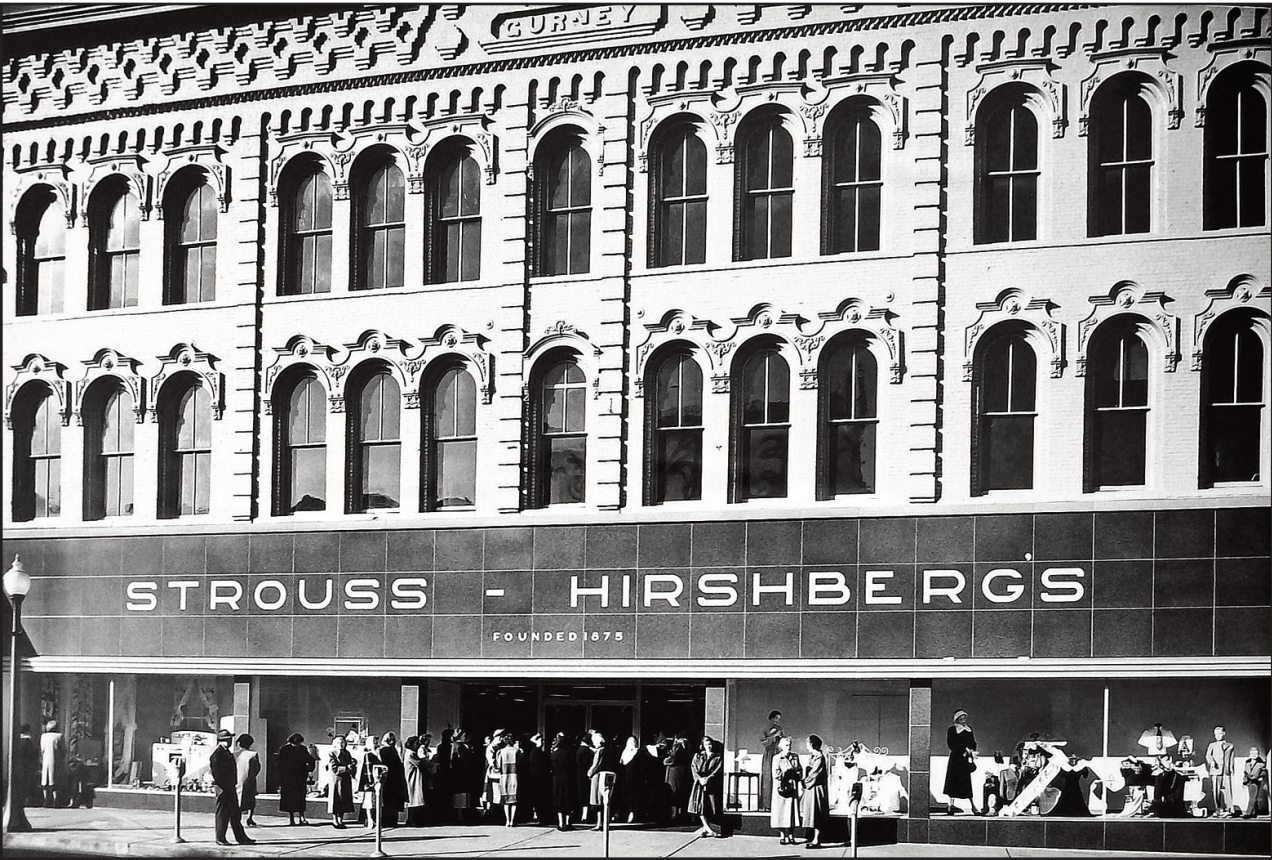
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Salem patrons await opening of the Strouss Department Store on South Broadway and the cover of the 2013 calendar featuring “Gas Stations of Salem.” (Submitted photo)

Salem Historical Society bookstore has gifts of history

SALEM — The Salem Historical Society bookstore, located in the Dale Shaffer Library, has many items of interest for the intriguing shopper. Open during the mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, history minded persons can find items to be enjoyed during the year. Books and items of local topics are available for consideration. Available this month, are two items of special interest; a recently prepared book on the history of the Strouss Department Store, and a 2013 calendar featuring old ‘Gas Stations of Salem.’

Thomas Welsh and Michael Geltz of Youngstown have recently prepared a 128 page history of the Strouss Depart-

ment Store. titled Strouss, headquartered in Youngstown. Salemites recall the grand store on South Broadway after it open to local shoppers in 1949 under the management of David Keller. Check out this book at the society’s bookstore.

For next year’s events, the series of Salem Ohio Calendar for the 2013 edition will feature historic photos of “Gas Stations of Salem.” In addition to the Salem Historical Society, calendars will be on sale at Salem Computer Center and the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information call the society at 330-337-8514 or visit at 239 S. Lundy Ave.

2 inmates escape from high-rise jail in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A massive manhunt is under way for two bank robbers who pulled off a daring escape from downtown Chicago’s high-rise jail Tuesday by apparently squeezing through a narrow window and scaling down about 20 stories using a makeshift rope.

Police helicopters and canine units swarmed the area, but not until more than three hours after Joseph “Jose” Banks and Kenneth Conley went unaccounted for during a 5 a.m. headcount. It’s unclear if the men were still inside the 27-story facility at that time, U.S. Marshal’s Service spokeswoman Belkis Cantor said.

Investigators later found a broken window in the men’s cell, where window bars were found inside a mattress, according to an FBI affidavit filed late Tuesday. Fake metal bars also were found in the men’s cell, a rope was tied to a window bar, and each man’s bed was stuffed with clothing and sheets to resemble a body, the affidavit said.

It appeared to illustrate a meticulously planned escape — which came a week after Banks made a courtroom vow of retribution. Both men are facing hefty prison sentences, and the FBI said they should be considered armed and dangerous.

SWAT teams stormed at least one home in Tinley Park, a suburb south of the city. Although neither man was found, evidence suggested that both had been at the home just hours earlier, according to the FBI.

Some schools went on lockdown after being inundated with calls from nervous parents. Mike Byrne, a superintendent in Tinley Park, said “our parents are so emotionally charged right now” because of the school shootings in Connecticut.

Hours after the escape, a rope possibly made of bed sheets could be seen dangling down the side of the Metropolitan Correctional Center. At least 200 feet long and knotted about every 6 feet, the rope was hanging from a window that was 6 feet tall but only 6 inches in diameter.

The facility is one of the only skyscraper lockups in the world, and experts say its triangular shape was meant to make it easier to guard, theoretically reducing blind spots for guards. The only other escape from the nearly 40-year-old facility occurred in the mid-1980s, Cantor said.

Both men were wearing orange jumpsuits, but police believe they may have quickly changed into white T-shirts, gray sweat pants and white gym shoes.



Pictured is Jeannie Arnato of Salem displaying her Christmas Carol CD cover with Humane Society of Columbiana County adoptable Cinnamon. All proceeds from the sale of her CDs benefit HSCC. (Submitted photo)

Sales of CD help Humane Society

SALEM — Local songstress Jeannie Arnato of Salem may only be 4’10” tall, but she has a giant voice with a heart to go with it. Recently, she recorded a CD called “Jeannie’s ROCC and Rescue Christmas Carols” at her own expense. All proceeds from the sale of the collection of 13 Christmas songs will be donated to The Humane Society of Columbiana County(HSCC). A seasoned contestant for American Idol and X-Factor, a finalist in area karaoke contests and a first-place finisher in the 2000 and 2001 Cleveland Citywide Talent Contest, Arnato is also an animal lover and newcomer to HSCC as a volunteer.

“After meeting Jenny Pike who was judging a karaoke contest at the Guilford Lake Grille, I volunteered and was welcomed with open arms into the organization,” said Arnato. “It touched my heart deeply to see all of the love and dedication that the staff gives to all of the animals. This is the reason I wanted to utilize my God-given gift solely for the benefit of the shelter,” she said.

Singing since childhood, a birth defect makes Arnato’s contribution even more unlikely. A rare birth defect called Microtia has rendered her unable to hear out of one ear and able to hear only monotone.

The cost of the CD is \$10 for 13 songs and can be purchased at the UPS Store in Salem, the UPS Store in Alliance, Chef’s Table in Lisbon, Bo’s Pet Shoppe in Columbiana and at the HSCC ROCC, Rescue and Adoption Center at 1825 S. Lincoln Ave., Salem. A sample of the CD can be heard at www.columbianahumane.org. For more information call HSCC at 330-332-2600.

The complete Christmas Album playlist contains “Silent Night,” “All I Want For Christmas is You,” “Winter Wonderland,” “My Favorite Things,” “The Little Drummer Boy,” “Let it Snow,” “Away in a Manger,” “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Rockin Around the Christmas Tree,” “Oh Holy Night,” “Oh Come All Ye Faithful,” “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “Silent Night.”

For additional information about the HSCC visit www.columbianahumane.org or www.facebook.com/roccandrescue. (Submitted material)

Cliff talks hit lull with Boehner’s ‘Plan B’ tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just two weeks from an economy-threatening deadline, fiscal cliff talks hit a lull Tuesday as House Speaker John Boehner announced that Republicans would also march ahead with their own tax plan on a separate track from the one he’s been pursuing with President Barack Obama.

The White House and leading congressional Democrats immediately rejected Boehner’s “Plan B,” which would extend soon-to-expire Bush-era tax cuts for everyone making less than \$1 million but would not address huge across-the-board spending cuts that are set to strike the Pentagon and domestic programs next year.

“Everyone should understand Boehner’s proposal will not pass the Senate,” said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Boehner’s surprise move came after significant progress over the past several days in talks with Obama — talks that produced movement on tax rate hikes that have proven deeply unsettling to GOP conservatives and on cuts to Social Security benefits that have incensed liberal Democrats.

Just Monday, Obama offered concessions, including a plan to raise top tax rates on households earning more than \$400,000 instead of the \$250,000 threshold he had campaigned on. And the two sides had inched closer on the total amount of tax revenue required to seal the agreement. Obama now would settle for \$1.2 trillion over the coming decade while Boehner is offering \$1 trillion.

By contrast, protecting income below \$1 million from a hike in the top tax rate from 35 percent to 39.6 percent would raise only \$269 billion over the coming decade.

But the outlines of a possible Obama-Boehner agreement appeared to have shaky support at best from Boehner’s leadership team and outright opposition from key Republicans like vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, R-Wis., a House GOP aide said. That aide spoke only on condition of anonymity because the aide was not authorized to discuss the situation publicly.

Though Obama spokesman Jay Carney had nothing good to say about Boehner’s new option, he said, “The president is willing to continue to work with Republicans” toward a broader agreement.

The narrower Plan B faced plenty of opposition. Democrats announced they would oppose it, and many conservative Republicans continued to resist any vote that might be interpreted as raising taxes. Republicans were refining the measure Tuesday in hopes of building support among the GOP rank and file, but passing the measure exclusively with GOP votes could prove difficult.

“I think it’s a terrible idea,” said Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho. “For a lot of reasons.”

Republicans noted that top Democrats like Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California and Sen. Charles Schumer of New York have in the recent past supported the million-dollar threshold for rates hikes. “We’ve had an election on the President’s tax plan, the President won, and Republicans can’t turn the clock back,” said Schumer spokesman Brian Fallon.

Boehner’s back-up plan would extend current income tax rates except for income exceeding \$1 million, set a 20 percent tax rate on capital gains and dividend income for income over \$1 million instead of 15 percent now, and retain current rules regarding the estate tax instead of tighter parameters sought by Obama.

It would also prevent an expansion of the alternative minimum tax that would otherwise hit 28 million middle- and upper-class Americans with an average \$3,700 increase on their 2012 tax returns.

Several rank-and-file House Republicans said the message they heard at an evening caucus was that passing plan B would strengthen Boehner’s hand in negotiating steeper spending cuts with Obama.

If the Senate decides not to vote on the House bill or ignores it, “That’s not our problem,” said Rep. Patrick Tiberi, R-Ohio. “The ball’s in Harry Reid’s court.”

Democrats said Boehner’s move made it clear he was abandoning efforts to reach an agreement with Obama — much as he quit talks with Obama 18 months ago.

“Plan B is yet another example of House Republicans walking away from negotiations,” said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., top Democrat on the Budget Committee.

At the White House, officials remained cautiously optimistic that the talks could get back on track despite Boehner’s maneuvering.

House, Senate negotiators agree on defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators reached agreement Tuesday on a \$633 billion defense bill that would tighten sanctions on Iran, increase security at diplomatic missions worldwide after the deadly Sept. 11 raid in Libya and presses the military on possible options to end the bloodshed in Syria.

The sweeping policy bill responds to the new threats and upheaval around the globe while still providing billions for the decade-plus war in Afghanistan. It also reflects deficit-driven reductions in federal spending after Pentagon budgets have nearly doubled in the past 10 years. The bill would authorize \$528 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget, \$17 billion for defense and nuclear programs in the Energy Department and \$88.5 billion for the war in Afghanistan.

The top Republicans and Democrats on the Armed Services committees announced completion of the bill at a Capitol Hill news conference in which they highlighted the rare instance of bipartisanship in a divided Congress.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard “Buck” McKeon, R-Calif., said the opportunity to “represent our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines is the reason why we work together in a bipartisan way to accomplish this bill.”

Election-year politics and changes in society shaped the final measure. Negotiators kept a Senate-passed provision sponsored by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., that expands health insurance coverage for military women and their dependents who decide to have abortions in cases of rape and incest.

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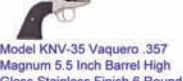
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Hired Hands concert will be held at Shaffer Library

SALEM — The Hired Hands concert featuring traditional Scottish and Celtic music with lesser known and popular Christmas carols begins at 7 p.m. Friday in the meeting room of the Dale Shaffer Research Library at the Salem Historical Society, 239 S. Lundy Ave.

The Hired Hands are five sisters from the Miller family in Lisbon. The two oldest sisters play Celtic lever harps and are both National Scottish Harp champions. Allison is the current champion and Sairey was the 2008 champion. Laura adds fiddle to the mix. Micah brings concertina. Maggie plays tin whistles including a low Irish whistle.

This Hired Hands Christmas concert is the third in the Dulci-More Fall Concert Series. Admission at the door is \$10 with an additional \$5 covering all children in a family. Parking is available in the municipal lot. The building is handicapped accessible. For more information contact Bill Schilling at 234-564-3852, bill@dulcimore.org or www.dulcimore.org.

Food distribution planned at Winona Friends Church

WINONA — A food distribution is slated from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Winona Friends Church, 4615 Whinnery Road.

Families and individuals living in the United Local School District are eligible.

Veterans Appreciation Rodeo planned at Armstrong’s Arena

SALEM — A Veterans Appreciation Rodeo begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at Armstrong’s Arena, 3249 Route 45.

Admission is free to all veterans and active duty military.

There will be free drawings for past and present service men and women. Events at the heated arena include bull riding, mini bull riding, chute dogging, mutton busting for children and a family- friendly dance following the rodeo.

Hallowell will perform carols during Banquet in Salem

SALEM — Butch Hallowell will perform Christmas carols during the Banquet in Salem to be served at 5 p.m. only on Tuesday, Dec. 25, at the Memorial Building.

The menu offers ham, turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fresh vegetables and fruit, and ice cream sundaes.

This meal is sponsored by Friends of the Banquet. Additional sponsors are needed. For more information call Patty Colian at 330-831-2169.

East Palestine Council meeting rescheduled for Dec. 27

EAST PALESTINE — The Village of East Palestine Council meeting has been rescheduled due to the holiday.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Park Community Center.

Joshua Project collecting for Sandy Hook victims

SALINEVILLE — The Joshua Project is collecting monetary donations for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy. Donations may be dropped off at any Huntington Bank, under The Joshua Project: Connecticut Victims Memorial Fund.

Collections will be taken through Jan. 30, 2013. All funds will be directly deposited into The Sandy Hook Elementary Memorial Fund at the Newtown Savings Bank.

The Joshua Project is a Christian based, non-profit organization in Salineville. Working with many churches in the area, the Joshua Project reaches out to families who are in need, whether through tragedy, or hard times.

Benefit dinners are held for families needing to cover medical or funeral expenses, Christmas assistance, back to school supplies, and tragedies that happen throughout the country.

Last month, the Joshua Project teamed up with the Knights of Columbus and sent a semi-truck loaded with 372 cases of water and supplies to New Jersey, all donated from area residents.

Salem Community Center to celebrate ‘Zumba’ Christmas

SALEM — The Salem Community Center is Celebrating Christmas “Zumba” style at 6:15 p.m. Thursday.

Cost to participate is a non-perishable

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food item that will be donated to the food pantry.

There will be a \$3 charge only to those who do not bring a donation. For information call 330-332-5885.

EP Middle School will present ‘A Christmas Carol’ on Friday

EAST PALESTINE — East Palestine Middle School will present “A Christmas Carol” at 7 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium. Admission is a donation for Social Concerns.

Toy donation will get you into Salem vs. VVB girls BB game

SALEM — The Salem Lady Quakers basketball team is coming together with the West Branch Warriors for a common cause, providing a child in need a toy on Christmas.

During the Salem vs. West Branch game on Saturday, a new unwrapped toy valued at \$5 or more will provide free admission into the game. Games begin at noon.

Toys will be distributed to children in need within the communities. For more information call Sarah Hamilton at 330-277-9466.

Breakfast buffet is Saturday at the Salem Masonic Building

SALEM—A public breakfast buffet will be served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Salem Masonic Building, 788 E. State St.

Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 10 and free for children under 2. The menu offers pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade sausage gravy, biscuits, homefries, toast and fruit cocktail.

Breakfast is Sunday at the Washingtonville VFW Post

WASHINGTONVILLE — Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday and also Dec. 30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Carryouts are available; call 330-427-2533.

Messiah Choir will perform on Dec. 22 at Main Street Theater

COLUMBIANA — The Messiah Choir will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 22 at Main Street Theater, 5 N. Main St.

The event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be donated to Crown Theater Productions and its ministry.

The expenses of the holiday concert are underwritten by the Columbiana Community Foundation. Doors open one hour before the show.

Under the direction of Randy Hart, the 30-member choir will perform selections from Handel’s “Messiah” and other holiday music.

Solists are Sarah Vodrey, Sally Bricker, Peggy Elliott, Barbara Bailey and Andrew Lawlor. Accompanist is Joe McKim.

Parker Brothers and Lacey will be at God’s Haven of Rest

EAST PALESTINE — The Parker Brothers and Lacey will be in concert 11 a.m. Dec. 23 at God’s Haven of Rest, 51966, state Route 14.

The group, comprised of Andy, Daniel, Travis and Lacey Parker, began singing and playing their own music at a very young age over 18 years ago.

Travis Parker will return in concert 6 p.m. Dec. 23 at God’s Haven of Rest. All are welcome. For more information call 330-397-1284.

Breakfast buffet planned at North Lima Mennonite Church

NORTH LIMA — An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be available from 7 to 10 a.m. Dec. 29 at the North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive.

Donations will be accepted. Items on the buffet include eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, potatoes, homemade rolls, sausage gravy and biscuits, peppers and onions, coffee, orange juice, and other beverages.

For additional information call the church at 330-549-2333.

Senior Choir and Bell Choir will perform at E. Lutheran

SALEM — The Senior Choir and Bell Choir of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 291 S. Broadway Ave., will perform its Christmas

Cantata during the worship services at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 22 and at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 23.

Pastor Alan Smearsoll created the narration and arranged this year’s cantata, titled Evangelizoma, which is a Greek word meaning, “I bring good news.”

The poems were written by Karen Rodgers. Tom Drotleff is the senior choir director and Ila Jeanne Paxson is the organist and bell choir director. The public is invited.

Victory Gospel Jubilee tickets available for Dec. 31 show

NORTH LIMA — Free tickets are available for the New Year’s Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee to be held on Dec. 31 at the North Lima Business Complex Auditorium.

National southern gospel artist Jerry Garcia will be the headliner for the evening of music hosted by the Golden Street Singers. Also on the program will be the Stillwater trio. Garcia, who has been in the music ministry since he sang his first song in church as a young boy, performs hundreds of concerts each year, sings on gospel cruises and has appeared at the National Quartet Convention. Garcia and his wife, Sarah, share a special ministry of love to children with severe, even terminal illness.

Stillwater members Ed and Ed Woodard have been singing in groups for more than 30 years. They are joined by lead singer Enola Grovesteen. The Golden Street Singers

have hosted all of the Victory Gospel Jubilees.

A buffet dinner by the Hen House Cafe will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12. Singing begins at 7 p.m. Reservations for dinner can be made when you order your free tickets. Several door prizes will be awarded, including a weekend at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania. To order tickets call 800-284-9709.

Columbiana Library offering Freading eBook Service

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Public Library is now offering patrons the innovative Freading eBook Service from Library Ideas.

This service will increase the size and diversity of the library’s eBook collection by offering access to tens of thousands of books, none of which requires the patron to wait in line to download. Unlike the Overdrive service, each book is always available.

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► NFL



Cleveland Browns head coach Pat Shurmur, left, talks with owner Jimmy Haslam before the Browns play the Kansas City Chiefs in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

Cleveland hires new president

Browns tap Alex Scheiner from Dallas

BEREA (AP) — New Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam and his CEO, Joe Banner, have several personnel decisions to make once the season ends.

You can scratch president off their list, however. With potentially more changes ahead for the new-

look Browns over the next two weeks, Haslam and Banner announced on Tuesday they had hired Alec Scheiner to be the team's new president.

Scheiner, 39, will join Cleveland after eight years with the Cowboys. He was senior vice president and general counsel with Dallas the last five years.

"Alec and I started talking last June. We had a series of meetings," Banner said. "We just felt like it was a great fit. He's going to impact the organization in a lot of ways."

Scheiner will quarterback the Browns' day-to-day business operations in his new post, which will begin Jan. 7, and will focus on improving the team's gameday atmosphere at home games.

"We really want to enhance the fan experience everywhere. Wherever we can," Scheiner said. "We have a challenge, and we will work hard on it."

"We want to create something that links us to the past, and to the community."

Scheiner, raised in Lower Merion, Pa., attended Georgetown, and in 2008, took over the Cowboys' business operations, which included football analytics. He was a key cog in the fan experience at highly regarded Cowboys Stadium, which opened on May 27, 2009, and hosted the Super Bowl on Feb. 6, 2011.

"I want to thank the Cowboys for making my eight years there some of the most rewarding of my professional career," Scheiner said. "I am looking forward to this challenge with the Browns, which I view as a tremendous opportunity to start at the ground level with a new

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► COLLEGE FOOTBALL

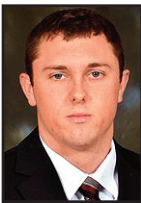
Eisel excelling at Edinboro

'09 Salem grad has become standout WR for Fighting Scots

By JON RUDDER
Staff Writer

SALEM — Ben Eisel has been playing football since he was in the sixth grade. But up until his senior year of high school, he never realized that playing football and representing his hometown on the collegiate level would be a reality.

"It was probably mid-way through my senior year, being as successful as I was," Eisel said. "I had a couple



EISEL



for the Edinboro Fighting Scots in February during his senior year. At 5'10" and

schools call me and come to the school to see me. It was then that I realized I had a chance to go on and play at the college level."

The 2009 graduate of Salem High School committed to play football

See EISEL, 2B



2009 Salem graduate Ben Eisel has come into his own at Edinboro University. Eisel has become one of the team's standout receivers through just two full years on the gridiron. (Special to the Salem News/Nick J. Cool, The Image Works)

► PREP BASKETBALL — SALEM IMPROVES TO 5-0 WIN WIN IN LIVERPOOL

Five straight

Quakers impressive in road win vs. Potters 69-54; Bush nets career-high 38 points

By AARON PECHTAL
Staff Writer

EAST LIVERPOOL — Fans of the Potters are used to seeing standout performances take place inside the friendly confines of Potter Fieldhouse.

What made Tuesday night's performance different was that it was delivered by a Quaker. Ryan Bush scored a career-high 38 points leading Salem to a 69-54 victory over East Liverpool.

With the win, the Quakers remain perfect on the season at 5-0. The loss drops the Potters to 2-7. East Liverpool has lost its last two games after recording a two-game winning streak.

"He made some big 3s when we needed it," Salem head coach Rich Hart said about Bush's performance. "He answered the bell for us. He was hot tonight. He hit some big shots for us. He set a new-career high tonight. His old career high was 31 points. That's big."

Bush had a chance to score 40, but his shot in the final seconds of the game bounced off of the backboard.

"They are a good ball team," East Liverpool head coach Nate Conley said. "Bush was hot for them."

See SALEM, 2B



Fighting for control
Salem's Max Wolfgang fights for a rebound during the Quakers' game Tuesday against East Liverpool. (Special to the Salem News/The East Liverpool Review)

► NBA



Cleveland Cavaliers' Alonzo Gee, left, dunks on Toronto Raptors' Jonas Valanciunas (17), of Lithuania, in the first half Tuesday in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

Raptors take bite out of Cavs

Calderon leads Toronto to 113-99 win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jose Calderon scored a season-high 23 points, and the Toronto Raptors won on the road for the second time this season by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 113-99 on Tuesday night.

The Raptors snapped an 11-game skid on the road, winning away from home for the first time since Nov. 13 when they beat Indiana.

Toronto, which is 2-14 on the road, has also won three in a row for the first time this season.

Alan Anderson hit three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and finished with 18 points. Amir Johnson scored 17 points and DeMar DeRozan added 16.

Kyrie Irving, coming off a career-high 41 points Saturday, scored 23 points for Cleveland. The reigning rookie of the year, currently

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► PREP ROUNDUP



Crestview's Derek Bable goes up for two points over United's Garret Beech Tuesday during their game in Hanoverton. Crestview won 84-51. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

Rebels roll United

East Palestine downs Bluejays

Staff Reports

Crestview 84, United 51
HANOVERTON — It was quite a birthday for Crestview's Robert Logan.

Logan tallied a career-high 46 points, which also matched a school record, as Crestview topped United 84-51 Tuesday. Logan also had 12 rebounds and four steals.

Collin Gilbert added 16 points and eight assists. For United, Caleb Conser had 20 points. Brandon Miller and Braden Davison added eight points each.

Crestview won the jayvee contest 56-25. Evan Beachler had 11 for the Rebels.

Crestview (3-3, 2-2 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Springfield Tuesday.

United (0-6, 0-3 ITCL Tier 1) travels to South Range.

UNITED: 15 12 15 9 — 51
CRESTVIEW: 22 25 12 25 — 84
UNITED SCORING: Paul Faulkner 2-0-4, Brandon Miller 3-1-8, Garrett Beech 2-0-6, Cody Dickens 1-0-3, Jared Powell 1-0-2, Caleb Conser 7-2-20, Braden Davison 2-4-8. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 7-12, 51.
CRESTVIEW SCORING: Andrew Batchelor 1-2-4, Austin Eskra 1-0-2, Josh McDade 4-0-8, Robert Logan 20-6-46, Derek Bable 3-0-6, Eric Lloyd 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS 35, 10-15, 74.
THREE POINTERS: United 8 (Conser 4, Beech 2, Miller, Dickens), Crestview 4 (Gilbert 4).

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2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 19

1913 — Heavyweight champion Jack Johnson fights to a 10-round draw with Battling Jim Johnson in Paris.

1917 — Joe Malone of the Montreal Canadiens scores five goals in a 9-4 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

1917 — Harry Hyland of the Montreal Wanderers scores five goals in a 10-9 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

1948 — The Philadelphia Eagles beat the Chicago Cardinals 7-0 in a major snowstorm for the NFL title. Philadelphia's Bucko Kilroy recovers a fumble on the 17-yard line in the fourth period, and Steve Van Buren later scores from the 5.

1984 — In his 632nd NHL game, Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers scores the 1,000th point of his career with an assist in a 7-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

1990 — Los Angeles Raiders running back Bo Jackson is named to the AFC team, as a reserve, becoming the first athlete chosen for All-Star games in two sports.

2001 — Marshall, led by Byron Leftwich, comes back from a 38-8 halftime deficit to beat East Carolina 64-61 in double-overtime in the GMAC Bowl for the highest scoring bowl game in history. Leftwich passed for 243 yards and three touchdowns after the third quarter. Previously, the highest-scoring bowl was Texas Tech's 55-41 victory over Air Force in the 1995 Copper Bowl.

2004 — The Kansas City Chiefs are the first team in NFL history to have three backs rush for more than 150 yards in a game in one season. Larry Johnson had 151 in a 45-17 win against Denver, matching the amount Priest Holmes had against the Broncos earlier in the season. Derrick Blaylock rushed for 186 against New Orleans.

2005 — Toronto goalie Ed Belfour moves into sole possession of second place on the NHL's career wins list in a 9-6 victory over the New York Islanders. Belfour, who had lost five straight starts since moving into a second-place tie with Terry Sawchuk, wins his 448th game despite allowing six goals on 33 shots.

2007 — New York Islanders forward Chris Simon is banned for 30 games, drawing the longest suspension in NHL history again. Simon's latest infraction was stepping on Pittsburgh's Jarkko Ruutu with his skate during a Dec. 15 game. This is the seventh suspension of Simon's career.

2009 — Michael Phelps helps his American team trounce a group of European all-stars in the Duel in the Pool, anchoring a relay to one of the eight world records the U.S. sets over the two-day meet in Manchester, England.

SALEM FROM 1B

The Quakers led by as many as 18 points in the game en route to avenging last season's loss at Salem.

"We have good kids," Hart said. "They play hard. Most of them have played for three years. It is a combination of a lot of things. We have a good amount of experience. We have gotten off to a good start."

Bush, who finished the game with five 3-pointers and three dunks, was the lone Quaker to score in double digits in the game. Anthony Shivers scored eight points, Brendan Webb and Max Wolfgang each netted seven points and Zack Wukotich chipped in with six points.

Hayden Cunningham contributed a team-high 17 points for the Potters, and Derek Thompson tallied 15 points.

Despite the loss, East Liverpool outrebounded Salem, 35-27. Burson pulled down eight rebounds for the Potters. Bush and Shivers each grabbed seven rebounds for the Quakers.

The Quakers got off to a fast start and lead almost from start to finish. The beginning of the game was just a sign of what was to come the rest of the way. Bush opened the game with a rare four-point play, and he followed that up with another bucket to make the score 6-0.

The Potters battled back, and a 3-pointer by Cunningham pulled East Liverpool to within 10-9. Salem responded to score the final seven points of the quarter giving the Quakers a 17-9 advantage after the first quarter.

The Potters got hot and battled back early in the second stanza. East Liverpool scored the first eight points of the frame to tie the score at 17, forcing Hart to call a timeout with 4:55 showing on the clock.

The rest of the quarter and the rest of the game belonged to the Quakers. Salem responded with a 16-2 spurt to go up 33-19. The visitors led 33-19 at halftime.

The Quakers extended their lead in the third quarter. A basket by Bush put Salem up 42-25 forcing Conley to call a timeout with 5:19 left to play in the quarter. At that point, Bush had scored as many points as the Potters.

The Potters were down, but they were not out. East Liverpool scored nine quick points on 3-pointers by Cunningham and Austin, and Thompson converted a three-point play to pull the hosts to within 44-34 with 3:30 showing on the clock.

The Potters had the momentum, but it did not last long. A 3-pointer by Bush made the score 49-34, and Salem led 54-40 after three quarters of play.

"East Liverpool had two or three runs in the game, and we showed a lot of character," Hart said. "We battled back. We had to deal with some adversity because of foul trouble, but we were able to overcome it. Austin Frank and Zack Wukotich came off the bench and did really well for us. Our kids took some punches but they bounced back."

In the fourth quarter, the Potters got as close as 10 points (54-44) before the Quakers built the lead back up. Salem eventually led 65-47 following a pair of free throws by Bush.

East Liverpool won the JV game, 57-44. Three players scored in double digits to lead the way for the Potters. Zack Adkins scored a game-high 17 points, and Chris Mackey and Joey Bickerton each netted 10. Ryan Hoover recorded 12 points to lead the way for the Quakers.

Salem's next game is Friday at Minerva. While the Quakers will be back in action this week against the Lions, the Potters will have more than a week off before participating in the team's annual holiday tournament.

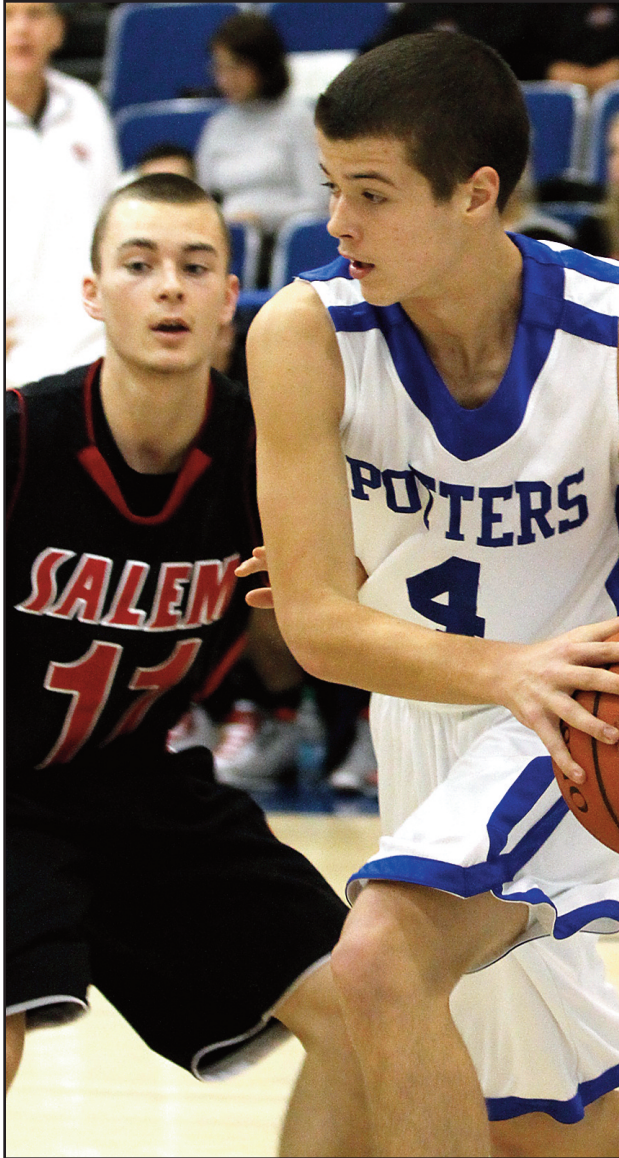
SALEM: 17 16 21 15 — 69

EAST LIVERPOOL: 9 12 19 14 — 54

SALEM SCORING: Ryan Bush 14-5-38, Austin Frank 0-0-0, Mike Madison 0-0-0, Zack Wukotich 2-2-6, Brendan Webb 3-0-7, Zach Economos 1-0-3, Max Wolfgang 3-1-7, Anthony Shivers 3-2-8. TEAM TOTALS: 26, 10-17, 69.

EAST LIVERPOOL SCORING: D.J. Austin 2-0-5, Hayden Cunningham 5-5-17, Kade Reynolds 0-2-2, Austin Emmerling 1-0-2, Derek Thompson 5-5-15, Owen Crawford 1-2-5, Rian Burson 2-0-4, Aaron Long 2-0-4. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 14-18, 54.

THREE POINTERS: Salem 7 (Bush 5, Webb, Economos), East Liverpool 4 (Cunningham 2, Austin, Crawford).



Salem's Brendan Webb defends East Liverpool's Owen Crawford Tuesday in East Liverpool. (Special to the Salem News/The East Liverpool Review)

ROUND FROM 1B

East Palestine 47, Jackson-Milton 36

EAST PALESTINE — East Palestine topped Jackson-Milton 47-36 Tuesday.

Leading the Bulldogs was Austen Reiser with 21 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks. Nick Monteleone added 11 points, and Nate Keylor had six points and eight assists.

East Palestine won the jayvee game 47-39. Phil Fusetti had 16 points for the Bulldogs.

East Palestine (3-3, 3-1 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Lisbon Friday.

points and 11 rebounds.

For Range, Tyler Beverly had 20 points. Mason Miller added 15.

The South Range jayvee team won 37-18. Nick Wiery had 10 for the Raiders.

Lisbon (4-2, 3-1 ITCL Tier 1) travels to East Palestine Friday.

South Range (2-4, 1-3 ITCL Tier 1) hosts United.

MCDONALD SCORING: Anthony Pugh 3-2-9, Stephen Politano 7-1-15, Christian Rusinowski 6-1-13, Tyler Smith 7-4-18, Patrick Kunkel 1-0-2, Zack Conley 1-1-3, Kenny Greaver 2-0-4, Matt Seitz 6-4-17, Zack Feovis 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 34, 13-18, 83.

SEBRING SCORING: Josh Hurlford 2-0-4, Kirby Wilt 3-3-9, Joe Davis 4-4-12, Jerry Billingsley 1-0-2, Dylan Mick 4-5-13, Eddie Kolisar 2-0-4. TEAM TOTALS: 16, 12-25, 44.

THREE POINTERS: McDonald 2 (Pugh, Seitz).

In the junior varsity game, Wellsville won 55-31. Sam McIntosh and Nigel Spann each scored 13 for the Tigers, while Michael Inboden scored seven for the Bears.

On Friday, Wellsville (5-1, 4-0 ITCL Tier 2) hosts Lowellville and Leetonia (2-5, 1-3 ITCL Tier 2) travels to McDonald.

Reserve (2-4, 1-3 ITCL Tier 2) travels to Sebring.

W. RESERVE: 11 14 8 3 — 36

SOUTHERN: 15 13 17 16 — 61

WESTERN RESERVE SCORING: Peyton Snyder 0-2-2, Tim Cooper 3-0-7, Joe Wisniewski 1-2-5, Nick Tobin 3-0-6, Nolan Snyder 4-2-12, Joe Falasca 2-0-4. TEAM TOTALS: 13, 6-7, 36.

SOUTHERN SCORING: MJ Williams 0-0-0, JJ Napierkowski 5-5-15, Dylan Ketchum 2-3-8, Andrew Russell 0-0-0, Jared Shilot 2-4-8, Josh Brown 1-0-2, Luke Griffith 7-3-17, Aron Sevek 0-1-1, Kyler Woodward 3-2-8, Caleb Gotschall 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 21, 18-28, 61.

THREE POINTERS: Western Reserve 4 (N. Snyder, 2, Cooper, Wisniewski), Southern 1 (Ketchum).

EAST PALESTINE: 12 9 11 15 — 47

JACKSON-MILTON: 8 6 14 8 — 36

EAST PALESTINE SCORING: Nick Monteleone 3-5-11, Nate Keylor 2-0-6, Austen Reiser 9-1-21, Billy Bibby 2-0-4, Steve Parker 1-0-2, Zack MayRobb 0-3-3, Alec Dumbauld 0-0-0, Justin Fristik 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 17, 9-14, 47.

JACKSON-MILTON SCORING: Chuck Anderson 4-0-8, Chris Dolon 3-0-6, Jeremy Fitzpatrick 3-3-11, Jake McAdams 4-0-8, Brandon Mitchell 1-1-3. TEAM TOTALS: 15, 4-7, 36.

THREE POINTERS: East Palestine 4 (Keylor 2, Reiser 2), Jackson-Milton 2 (Fitzpatrick 2).

McDonald 83, Sebring 44

SEBRING — McDonald got off to a hot start in Sebring and rolled to an 83-44 victory.

Leading the Blue Devils was Tyler Smith with 18 points. Matt Seitz added 17.

For Sebring, Dylan Mick had 13 points, and Joe Davis added 12. Jerry Billingsley tallied seven rebounds, and Eddie Kolisar had six blocks.

McDonald also won the jayvee game 38-30. Andrew Weingart had 10 points.

Sebring (2-4, 1-3 ITCL Tier 2) hosts Western Reserve Friday.

McDonald (6-0, 4-0 ITCL Tier 2) hosts Leetonia.

LOWELLVILLE: 19 15 17 7 — 58

COLUMBIANA: 6 14 8 6 — 34

LOWELLVILLE SCORING: Ballone 2-0-4, Mangine 6-1-13, Hvidsak 2-2-6, Schaldione 2-4-8, DePasquale 9-3-25, McLaughlin 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 22, 10-17, 58.

COLUMBIANA SCORING: Bryce Franken 2-3-9, Devin Rice 2-0-5, Jake DeJong 7-3-18, Austin Miner 0-1-1, Nick Berger 0-1-1. TEAM TOTALS: 11, 8-17, 34.

THREE POINTERS: Lowellville 4 (DePasquale 4), Columbiana 4 (Franken 2, DeJong, Rice).

Southern 61, Western Reserve 36

SALINEVILLE — Southern Local led by just three at the half, 28-25, but cranked up the defensive intensity and limited Western Reserve to just 11 second-half points as the Indians went on to win 61-36 on Tuesday.

JJ Napierkowski finished with 15 points, seven assists and eight steals for the Indians (4-2), and Luke Griffith added 17 points and seven rebounds. Nolan Snyder led the Blue Devils with 12 points.

Southern won the junior varsity game 72-31.

Southern (4-2, 2-2 ITCL Tier 2) hosts Columbiana on Friday.

Canton South 62, West Branch 42

CANTON — Canton South used a 24-point second quarter to power past West Branch 62-42 Tuesday. With the win South improves to 5-0 on the season and 3-0 in the Northeastern Buckeye Conference. Armond Fontes led South with 21 points.

Leading the Warriors was Kip DeShields with 10 points and nine rebounds. Beau Taylor added 10 points.

Canton South also won the jayvee contest 56-31.

West Branch (1-3, 0-3 NBC) hosts Alliance Friday.

Lisbon 57, South Range 47

LISBON — Lisbon outlasted South Range Tuesday night 57-47.

Leading the Blue Devils was Josh Liberati with 14 points, six assists and seven rebounds. Josh Craig added 12 points, Matt Spencer 11 and Corey Brammer 10. Austin Rutecki also had eight

MCDONALD: 22 20 19 22 — 83

SEBRING: 12 11 14 7 — 44

EISEL FROM 1B

160-pounds, the talented receiver produced record-setting numbers during his final campaign in a Quaker uniform.

"I wasn't the biggest or strongest guy out there, but I enjoy playing the game a lot," Eisel said. "I do what I can do to win and beat the guy that's across the ball from me, whether it's football, baseball, basketball or track. It's fun competing and I love to do it."

After missing his entire junior season to injury suffering a sports hernia the previous track season, Eisel helped guide Salem to its' first playoff appearance with a 9-3 record.

"It was a pretty quick recovery," he said. "I had surgery in December and I ran track in the spring so I was back by the end of March. So it was about four months. My junior year not being able to play and my senior year having the success that our team did was huge. I'm really honored to have been a part of that team."

The Quakers entered the playoff world in exciting fashion. After trailing Granville at halftime by three scores, Salem rode a stout defensive performance in the second half to help

force overtime.

"It was so big for the school and for the community," he said. "To win the game was amazing. It was one of the craziest games I was a part of in any sport, and to come out on top in our first playoff game was just amazing. We held their running back in check in the second half, and that was our emphasis during our week in practice. Getting a couple scores and then winning in overtime was unreal."

Unfortunately, the post-season would last just one more week for Salem, who was ousted by traditional power in Steubenville Big Red in the ensuing round. Still, the opportunity to take the field after week 10 is something that Eisel won't forget soon.

"Being the team that Steubenville is year in and year out, they are a big football school, and we knew that coming in," he said. "In the first half we hung with them and went into the half with the lead and were on cloud nine at that time. We were really thinking we could do something with that. We came out and beat ourselves in the second half, but it was a great experience to play against them."

After totaling 2,176 all purpose yards and a school record 168 points, Eisel was

given one more opportunity to don a helmet adorned with Quaker Sam in the 65th annual Ohio-North South Classic at Ohio Stadium in Columbus.

Pitted against some of the best competition in the state of Ohio, Eisel savored the opportunity to go up against Division I prospects.

"There were a lot of D-I recruits that played in that game, and a bunch of them are playing at Big Ten schools and MAC Schools. The guys were crazy D-I prospects," Eisel said. "They were all bigger and stronger than I was. I think I had three or four catches in that game, a couple screens and a couple short yardage routes."

Like most kids in Ohio, Eisel spent his Saturdays cheering on the scarlet and grey. Never did he think he would have the opportunity to step onto the field that had so many legends set foot on.

"I always watched the Buckeyes on Saturdays," he said.

"Being selected to go down there and play in that game was awesome and getting to play in the horseshoe was surreal."

The transition to college has come relatively seamless for Eisel. After being red-shirted his freshman year, he appeared in all 11 games

for the Fighting Scots in 2011, finishing with four receptions for 28 yards.

"Everyone is just as fast and talented as you are," he said. "Now, you have to work even harder in the weight room, watch more film and get techniques down. Guys are pretty sound and pretty talented so you have to find ways to beat them. Technique and knowing what you're doing is a lot more important than relying on natural ability."

His sophomore campaign saw him build on the success of the previous year. Eisel hauled in 41 catches, the longest for 57 yards, for a total of 562 yards on the season. He was also on the receiving end of five touchdowns.

Eisel said he benefited from a from a change in regime this past season, as Bryan Volk was ushered in as the Scots' new offensive coordinator. Volk implemented a more pass-happy attack that fit right in with the sophomore receiver.

"This past year our new coordinator came in and we ran a lot of spread, no huddle," Eisel said. "That's the kind of offense I like and a lot of kids on offense like it. It was real nice to have a coordinator come in and want to do that."

With two more seasons left to make his mark, Eisel

knows exactly what it will take to make this career as polished as the one he walked away from at Salem High School.

"It's responsibility, besides football, just getting up and getting going in the morning," he said. "With football, you have to go in and watch film and make yourself do it. Coaches only hold certain times to watch film with them but you have to do it on your own too in order to get better. It's not necessarily difficult, but it's time consuming. You have to want to do it and want to get better. It's just a matter of wanting to put the time in and learning and get better."

Eisel also emphasized his excitement for the coming years. Despite a 4-6 record this season, Edinboro has been one of the more successful programs in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. A tradition that Eisel wants to uphold.

"They're a winning team," he said.

"The past 10 years they've had winning seasons. In our conference I think there's only been two teams that have had that many consecutive winning seasons. I think we lose one starting offensive lineman and the rest of our offense is back. We lose a couple guys on defense but I think we'll be pretty good."

► **MLB**

Tribe pulls out stops for free agent Swisher

Indians trying to land former New York Yankees outfielder

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Indians called upon a proven recruiter to land free agent outfielder Nick Swisher.



Former Ohio State coach Jim Tressel was among a group who had lunch on Tuesday at Progressive Field with Swisher, who is considering a multiyear contract offer from the Indians. Swisher would immediately fill a hole in right field for Cleveland, which traded Shin-Soo Choo to Cincinnati last week and has been trying to improve a team that collapsed in August and finished 68-94.

The 32-year-old Swisher, who spent the past four seasons with the New York Yankees, arrived in Cleveland on Tuesday night and went to dinner with new manager Terry Francona, team president Mark Shapiro and general manager Chris Antonetti. Last week, An-

tonetti said he intended to add a “corner” outfielder and the Indians are pulling out all the stops to add Swisher.

He and his wife, actress JoAnna Garcia, who is expecting the couple’s first child in May, arrived at Progressive Field at 10:15 a.m. and toured the club’s family room. They were shown a suite and the team’s clubhouse before the Indians tugged at Swisher’s Ohio State connections to convince him Cleveland should be his next baseball home. Swisher played baseball for the Buckeyes.

The Indians played a video on their scoreboard that featured current Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer and basketball coach Thad Matta, who encouraged Swisher to join the Indians. Swisher was moved by the gesture and didn’t expect to see Tressel at lunch in the stadium’s Terrace Club.

Tressel won a national title at Ohio State but was forced to resign amid a scandal. His new position is Akron’s vice president of strategic engagement.

Following the lunch, which also included Francona, Swisher met with Shapiro and members of the club’s marketing department. He left at 2:45 p.m. without giving the Indians an answer. Swisher is expected to visit with other teams before making a decision. Seattle, Philadelphia, Boston and San Francisco are among the teams who have shown interest in him.

“It was great to connect,” Antonetti said. “We had a chance to share our thoughts on the organization and where we are, and were able to answer any questions he may have had.”

A switch-hitter, Swisher batted .272 with 24 homers and 93 RBIs in 148 games last season, his fourth with the New York Yankees.

The Indians have been in the market for an outfielder throughout the offseason. They offered Shane Victorino a four-year contract worth a reported \$44 million before he signed a three-year, \$39 million deal with Boston.

Also, Cleveland officially signed free agent first baseman Mark Reynolds to a one-year, \$6 million deal. He spent the past two seasons with Baltimore, batting .221 with 23 homers and 69 RBIs in 135 games last season.

“We feel Mark provides a great balance to our lineup, a right-handed hitter with some power, with the ability to get on base,” Antonetti said. “We feel he will help our offense.”

Reynolds passed a physical last week but his signing couldn’t be announced until the Indians made a 40-man roster move. The club designated infielder Russ Canzler for assignment.

► **NFL**

Ike Taylor to miss third-straight game

Steelers must win final two games for shot at playoffs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The boot is off Ike Taylor’s fractured ankle.



It’s still too soon, however, for the Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback to slip his cleats back on.

Taylor will miss his third straight game on Sunday when the Steelers (7-7) try to revive their postseason hopes against Cincinnati (8-6) in a game that will likely define the season of both teams.

Coach Mike Tomlin said Tuesday he’s encouraged by Taylor’s progress but that Pittsburgh’s secondary will have to find a way to defend Cincinnati’s deep group of receivers without its best cornerback.

The Steelers won’t have one of their fastest cornerbacks either after fill-in DeMarcus Van Dyke was placed on the injured reserve after injuring his shoulder in Sunday’s 27-24 overtime loss in Dallas. Pittsburgh signed veteran free agent Justin King to provide depth, but it will be largely up to Keenan Lewis, Curtis Brown, Cortez Allen and Josh Victorian to slow down Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton and second-year receiver A.J. Green.

Victorian, a practice squad player, was pressed into service against the Cowboys and endured a difficult afternoon. Then again, he was hardly alone as Dallas quarterback Tony Romo lit up the Steelers for 341 yards passing and two scores in a rare off day for the league’s top pass defense.

Tomlin praised Victorian’s effort but knows things are unlikely to get easier while

facing one of the best young offenses in the NFL.

“We are going to have our hands full,” Tomlin said.

The Steelers won the first meeting with the Bengals 24-17 on Oct. 21, holding Dalton to 14 of 28 passing for a season-low 105 yards. The victory kickstarted a four-game winning streak that appeared to put to rest any concerns about Pittsburgh’s slow 2-3 start.

A shoulder injury to quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and a handful of critical mistakes have pushed the Steelers to the fringe of the playoff race. Pittsburgh has dropped four of five — including two straight since Roethlisberger’s return — but have a direct path to the postseason. Wins over the Bengals and Cleveland (5-9) and the Steelers will play into January.

Even if, at the moment, it hardly feels like it.

Pittsburgh appeared to stir the echoes of 2005 after winning in Baltimore on Dec. 2. The players talked openly about going on a playoff run the way they did seven years ago, when the Steelers squeaked into the playoffs then won three games on the road en route to the franchise’s fifth Super Bowl title.

The last two weeks, however, took a lot more like 2009. The Steelers were 6-2 at the season’s midway point then collapsed down the stretch, enduring a five-game skid to miss the playoffs entirely.

Things aren’t quite that bleak at the moment, and Tomlin did his best to quell any sense of unrest by Roethlisberger, who took blame for the loss in Dallas but also acknowledged some frustration about the suc-

cessful but infrequent no-huddle offense.

Roethlisberger loves the no-huddle and pointed to how well the Steelers moved the ball against the Cowboys as proof it works. Tomlin downplayed the idea Roethlisberger was taking a shot at offensive coordinator Todd Haley in his comments.

“He’s on board with what we’re doing,” Tomlin said of his quarterback.

Maybe, but the Steelers have gotten away from the formula that worked so well for them earlier in the year.

The short passing game that thrived in September and October has disappeared in November and December. Roethlisberger, Charlie Batch and Byron Leftwich have completed just 55 percent (124 of 224) of passes during the team’s last six games, down from nearly 70 percent (201 of 288) during the first half of the season.

The lack of any semblance of a running threat hasn’t helped. Tomlin dropped the running back-by-committee approach three weeks ago, awarding the starting job to Jonathan Dwyer. The spark Dwyer provided earlier in the season hasn’t materialized, though. Dwyer has just 101 yards over the three starts, but Tomlin doesn’t appear to be in any hurry to change things up.

The Steelers reinstated running back Rashard Mendenhall from a one-game suspension on Monday for conduct detrimental to the team, but Tomlin said he’s “happy” with the current situation and will let Mendenhall — who hasn’t suited up since a loss to Cleveland on Nov. 25 — practice before determining whether he’ll be involved.

“He’s on board with what we’re doing.”

— Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin on QB Ben Roethlisberger’s comments about using more no-huddle in the team’s final two regular season games.

Mendenhall isn’t the only veteran who has spent most of the last month watching. The Steelers brought back wide receiver Plaxico Burress last month to give Roethlisberger a big target. Burress has just one catch in the two games he’s been active.

Injuries in the secondary and along the offensive line have limited Pittsburgh’s flexibility to incorporate Burress. And Tomlin is reluctant to give any specifics on when or even if Burress will play over the final two weeks.

“We’d like to include him in the plan,” Tomlin said. “Obviously, he has a skill set that we could utilize but all of those things are kind of interwoven as we put together and formulate a game plan.”

NOTES: The Steelers placed LG Willie Colon on injured reserve with a knee injury, marking the third straight season Colon has ended the year on IR. The move freed up a spot for Mendenhall on the 53-man roster ... Tomlin plans to keep using Antonio Brown as a punt returner. Brown fumbled in the fourth quarter in Dallas, giving the Cowboys a chance to tie the game late ... RT Mike Adams (ankle) has been cleared to return to football activities.

“He would contribute to that. He would be part of that discussion,” Banner said.

“But that would be something that ultimately will be Jimmy’s decision.”

As for cheerleaders, well, Scheiner is going from a franchise that is famous for them to one that doesn’t even have them.

And, new regime or not, that appears like it’ll stay that way.

“I don’t think we’re focused on that decision,” Banner said with a laugh. “It’s not something we’ve spent time on.”

NOTES: LB James-Michael Johnson and DB T.J. Ward were placed on injured reserve with knee injuries. Both Johnson, a rookie, and Ward are starters for a defense that allows 22.1 points per game. Johnson made eight starts, played in 10 games and finished with 35 tackles. His role expanded when Scott Fujita sustained a season-ending neck injury. Ward had 68 tackles and one interception. ... The Browns are 3-0 vs. the AFC West, with the first-place Broncos on deck.

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and exciting leadership group.”

That unit, of course, features Haslam and Banner as the Browns look to create a new identity in the offseason.

“Jimmy and Joe have a great vision of what they want the Cleveland Browns to become and I am grateful to be able to be a part of it,” Scheiner said. “The Browns are an iconic franchise with an outstanding fan base and tradition. Together, we hope to do incredible things for the organization.”

Whether or not the coach will be with them — as that long-term vision plays out — remains to be seen. Cleveland began the season 0-5 under Pat Shurmur, who is in his season year. The Browns have persevered, though, and actually orchestrated a three-game winning streak late in the year. But they are still just 5-9 and in last place of the AFC North with two difficult games approaching — Denver (11-3) and Pittsburgh (7-7) — to end the season.

“We have not made decisions, but obviously, as time has gone on, we have thought about it more,” said Banner, who said staffing decisions will be made “quickly” after the season finale. “But we’re not at the point where we’ve made definitive decisions.

“Our driving force is to gather a group of smart, effective people.”

Scheiner clearly plays into that mindset.

“For many years, the Cowboys have been a leading innovator among NFL franchises, and Alec played an integral role in this success,” Haslam said. “We are confident that his expertise will be a tremendous asset, not only for our organization but our fans as well.”

In 2010, Scheiner made the Sports Business Journal’s “Forty Under 40” list.

“Our objective is to build the Browns organization with the best people in their respective fields, and we believe the hiring of Alec is indicative of this goal,” Banner said. “Alec brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in many facets with one of the most successful franchises in the NFL.”

Dallas owner Jerry Jones, for one, will certainly miss Scheiner’s efforts.

“Alec is a bright and talented executive who has provided our organization with quality service. He knows his way around the NFL and has fine leadership ability,” Jones said. “He is a tireless taskmaster and will be a great addition to the Browns front office.

“He is a rising star and an asset to our league.”

In a conference call with the media, Scheiner was asked about the Browns’ traditional ways — what with the logo-less helmets and classic uniforms. Scheiner didn’t think too many changes were needed in that realm, and he was quick to embrace the team’s tradition along the way.

“It’s more about connecting with what he have already ... In more effective ways,” he said. “You can always do better.”

That said, Banner explained that Scheiner would have a say in any decisions regarding the potential modernization of the team’s look, something that has been rumored as a consideration in the new era.

AROUND THE HORN



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Salem football team earns Academic All-Ohio

SALEM — The Salem Quakers football team earned an Academic All-Ohio honor given by the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association.

Salem was in the top 10 as a team out of 726 high school programs. Two individual players were also honored — seniors Mike Madison and Jake Carner. Fewer than 100 players in the state are honored with the award.

“Our guys really have their priorities straight,” head football coach Ron Johnson said. “They understand you can’t pick and choose things to be great at. It’s all encompassing. They got it done in the classroom and played better football each week. They made a total commitment.”

No. 7 Ohio State hangs on for 65-55 win

COLUMBUS (AP) — Deshaun Thomas scored 21 points — missing nine straight shots at one point and making five in a row at another — to lead No. 7 Ohio State past Winthrop 65-55 on Tuesday night.

It was the last tuneup for the Buckeyes (9-1) before Saturday’s rematch with No. 9 Kansas. The Jayhawks beat them twice last year, once at Allen Fieldhouse and then in the Final Four.

Whether Ohio State was looking past Winthrop (4-5) and ahead to Kansas, or whether the Eagles just played well and the Buckeyes did not, the game was in doubt until Thomas got hot.

Lenzelle Smith Jr. added 14 points for the Buckeyes, who have won four in a row, all at home, since a 73-68 defeat at No. 2 Duke on Nov. 28 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge — a game the Buckeyes led most of the way.

Thomas added nine rebounds and a career-high four assists.

Derrick Henry had 12 points to lead Winthrop, which was coming off a 50-49 upset of Ohio University, which has its top nine players back from an NCAA tournament team a year ago. Ohio came in averaging 74.2 points a game, but was shut down by the Eagles.

Thomas hit his first two shots of the night for a quick 5-0 lead, then missed the next nine.

Just as quickly, he changed directions again. He hit five shots in a row from the field — and scored 12 of 14 Ohio State points over a 5½-minute span — as the Buckeyes took a 47-41 lead. But the Eagles would not go away.

Henry made a 3 from the left wing to cut the gap to three. Thomas passed up a perimeter jumper with a nifty pass to Amir Williams for a three-point play only to have Gideon Gamble add a 3 at the other end to cut the lead to 52-47.

Defense finally turned the tide, fueling an 8-0 run.

Aaron Craft’s steal led to him hitting two free throws. Shannon Scott then tipped away a ball and then broke quickly to the basket, taking a long pass from Craft for an easy breakaway layup and a 56-47 lead.

Williams then scored inside off a pass from Smith and the lead was 58-47. Williams then swatted a shot away and then received a pass from Thomas for an easy dunk to push the lead to 60-47 with 5:36 left.

Battered Browns place LB Johnson, DB Ward on IR

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — The Cleveland Browns have placed linebacker James-Michael Johnson and defensive back T.J. Ward on injured reserve with knee injuries. Both Johnson, a rookie, and Ward are starters for a defense that allows 22.1 points per game. Johnson made eight starts, played in 10 games and finished with 35 tackles. His role expanded when Scott Fujita sustained a season-ending neck injury. Ward had 68 tackles and one interception.

With the available roster spots, Cleveland signed defensive back Prince Miller and linebacker Adrian Moten. The Browns also elevated defensive lineman Hall Davis from the practice squad to the active roster.

Cleveland (5-9) will close the season vs. Denver (11-3) and Pittsburgh (7-7).

Montgomerie, Schofield chosen for golf’s hall

LONDON (AP) — Colin Montgomerie has been elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame by the slimmest of margins.

Montgomerie and Ken Schofield, head of the European Tour for nearly 30 years, were announced Tuesday as the latest inductees. They fill out the 2013 class that includes Willie Park Jr., Fred Couples and Ken Venturi.

Montgomerie won the European Tour money list a record eight times. He received 51 percent of the vote on the international ballot. That makes two inductees in this class — Couples was the other — who got in through a special provision. If no one gets the minimum 65 percent, the player with the most votes gets elected as long as it’s more than 50 percent.

The induction ceremony will be May 6 in St. Augustine, Fla.

Cruz visits home of Giants fan, 6, killed in Conn.

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — New York Giants receiver Victor Cruz has visited the home of the 6-year-old Connecticut shooting victim who was buried in a replica Cruz jersey.

Jack Pinto was among 20 children shot to death Friday in Newtown. Several elementary school-age children played touch football in the front yard of his family’s home Tuesday. Many wore Giants jerseys or Newtown football or wrestling shirts as they laughed, smiled and hugged.

The children and their families left after several hours. Kids carried autographed Giants footballs and jerseys.

About 45 minutes later, Cruz left the home in an SUV and an escort of five police cruisers, sirens blaring. He later tweeted that he has “much love to the entire Pinto family. Great people with huge hearts.”

Several people leaving the home confirmed Cruz was there.

Cy and goodbye: Mets trade Dickey to Blue Jays

NEW YORK (AP) — Cy ya later.

R.A. Dickey and his nasty knuckleball are headed north of the border.

After weeks of speculation and then a weekend spent ironing out the last few details, the New York Mets finally traded the NL Cy Young Award winner to the Toronto Blue Jays in a seven-player swap Monday.

“I can’t tell you how excited I am to be part of an organization that’s committed to winning and putting a product on the field that the fans can be excited about,” Dickey said Tuesday. “A lot of people say these things at the beginning of spring training and the beginning of all new things, but I think in this particular case that the reason it feels so good is because it’s so true, and you don’t feel like you’re trying to convince yourself of the things that you’re saying.”

Toronto acquired the 38-year-old Dickey and catchers Josh Thole and Mike Nicketas. The Mets got top catching prospect Travis d’Arnaud and veteran catcher John Buck, plus minor league right-hander Noah Syndergaard and outfielder Wuilmer Becerra. Earlier in the day, Dickey and the busy Blue Jays agreed to a new contract adding \$25 million over two years clearing the way for New York to send him to a team that’s spending a lot of money trying to join baseball’s elite.

General manager Sandy Alderson said the Mets didn’t completely decide to trade Dickey until they saw the final package that Toronto offered.

“This was a complicated deal,” Alderson said on a conference call.

Dickey was already signed for \$5.25 million next year, including a \$250,000 escalator. His new contract drops next year’s salary to \$5 million, adds \$12 million salaries for both 2014 and 2015, and includes a \$12 million club option for 2016 with a \$1 million buyout.

► TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Koji Uehara on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Julio Vinas manager and Britt Burns pitching coach of Birmingham (SL); Ryan Newman manager of Winston-Salem (Carolina); Tommy Thompson manager of Kannapolis (SAL); Pete Rose Jr. manager of Great Falls (Pioneer); Bobby Magallanes manager of Bristol (Appalachian); Doug Sisson minor league outfield/baserunning instructor; and Vance Law special assistant to player development.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with 3B Mark Reynolds on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Designated RHP Mickey Storey for assignment.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with 2B Luis Rodriguez on a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Pelfrey on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Traded OF Collin Cowgill to the N.Y. Mets for INF Jeffy Marle. Agreed to terms with SS Hiroyuki Nakajima on a two-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Ramon Ortiz and OF Ryan Langerhans on minor league contracts and RHP Roberto Hernandez on a one-year contract.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Named Pat Listach minor league infield coordinator; Todd Takayoshi assistant minor league hitting coordinator; Rick Knapp minor league pitching coordinator; John Shoemaker Camelback Ranch-Glendale coordinator of instruction; Franklin Stubbs hitting coach of Albuquerque (PCL); Jody Reed manager, Hector Bernios pitching coach and Orv Franchuk hitting coach of Chattanooga (SL); Carlos Subero manager and Johnny Washington hitting coach of Rancho Cucamonga (Cal); Razor Shines manager, Bill Simas pitching coach and Mike Eylvard hitting coach of Great Lakes (MWL); Esteban Lopez hitting coach of Ogden (Pioneer); and P.J. Forbes manager of the Arizona League Dodgers.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Rick Tomlin minor league pitching coordinator; Bob Skube coach and Aaron Hoback trainer for Nashville (PCL); Steve Patera trainer of Huntsville (SL); Tony Diggs manager and Dwayne Hosey coach of Helena (Pioneer); Nestor Corredor manager and Greg Barajas trainer of the Arizona League Brewers.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with LHP John Lannan on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled F/C Donatas Motiejunas from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OL Kraig Urbik to a contract extension. Placed LB Arthur Moats on injured reserve and WR Donald Jones on the reserve/non-football illness list. Signed WR Chris Hogan and LB Greg Lloyd from the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed RB Michael Bush on injured reserve. Signed RB Kahill Bell.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Alec Scheiner president. Placed LB James-Michael Johnson and DB T.J. Ward on injured reserve. Signed DB Prince Miller and LB Adrian Moten. Signed DL Hal Davis from the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed DE Andre Branch and RB Jordan Todman on injured reserve. Released WR Quan Cosby and FB Will Ta'ufu'ou. Signed WR Mike Brown, LB Brandon Marshall and TE Isaiah Stanback from the practice squad and OL Tommie Draheim and WR Brittan Golden to the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed OL Selvis Capers. Waived CB Terrence Frederick.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released TE Evan Moore. Signed TE Sean McGrath from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned F Stanislav Galiev and D Brett Flemming from Reading (ECHL) to Hershey (AHL).
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Re-signed M Danny O'Rourke to a one-year contract.
COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE STATE — Named Bill Clark football coach.
KENT STATE — Named Paul Haynes football coach.

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled F/C Donatas Motiejunas from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

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playing with a broken bone in his jaw, is wearing a protective mask.

Cavaliers center Anderson Varejao, the league's leading rebounder, left the game briefly after injuring his right knee in the first quarter.

Playing with a sleeve on his knee, Varejao had 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Cleveland has lost four in a row and 10 of 11.

The Raptors led 78-76 going into the fourth quarter, but used a 17-7 run to open a 12-point lead. John Lucas III's four-point play, two 3-pointers by Anderson and five points helped Toronto build its lead.

Anderson began the quarter with a 3-pointer and Lucas followed with a rebound basket. After a Dion Waiters dunk, Lucas hit a 3-pointer, was fouled by Daniel Gibson and made the free throw to put Toronto ahead 87-78.

Johnson then hit two foul shots, converted a three-point play and Anderson hit his second 3-pointer.

The Raptors have won six

► NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE		East		South	
		W	L	T	Pct
y-New England	10	4	0	0	.714
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	0	.429
Miami	6	8	0	0	.429
Buffalo	5	9	0	0	.357

		W	L	T	Pct
y-Houston	12	2	0	0	.857
Indianapolis	9	5	0	0	.643
Tennessee	5	9	0	0	.357
Jacksonville	2	12	0	0	.143

NATIONAL CONFERENCE		East		South	
		W	L	T	Pct
Washington	8	6	0	0	.571
Dallas	8	6	0	0	.571
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	0	.571
Philadelphia	4	10	0	0	.286

		W	L	T	Pct
y-Denver	11	3	0	0	.786
San Diego	5	9	0	0	.357
Oakland	4	10	0	0	.286
Kansas City	2	12	0	0	.143

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N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	0	.571
Philadelphia	4	10	0	0	.286

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y-Green Bay	10	4	0	0	.714
Minnesota	8	6	0	0	.571
Chicago	8	6	0	0	.571
Detroit	4	10	0	0	.286

		W	L	T	Pct
x-San Francisco	10	3	1	0	.750
Seattle	9	5	0	0	.643
St. Louis	6	7	1	0	.464
Arizona	5	9	0	0	.357

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A close call for Geoff Ogilvy and the Masters
(AP) — Geoff Ogilvy came within one stroke of not having to spend the next three months thinking about the Masters.
Ogilvy tied for fourth in the Australian PGA Championship in the final week of official golf this year. He will end the year at No. 51 in the world ranking, falling just short of cracking the top 50 to earn an invitation to Augusta National.
Thirteen players were added to the 2013 field by finishing the year inside the top 50 — Paul Lawrie, Francesco Molinari, Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano, Brandan Grace, Bill Haas, Nicolas Colseker, Jason Day, Hiroyuki Fujita, Matteo Manassero, Thomas Bjorn, Jamie Donaldson, George Coetzee and Thorbjorn Olesen.
Only two of those are full PGA Tour members (Haas and Day), though they have far more opportunities to get into the Masters by either qualifying for the Tour Championship, winning a regular PGA Tour event or finishing among the top 30 on the money list.
There's still plenty of time for Ogilvy and Henrik Stenson (No. 53). Invitations will be offered to anyone winning a PGA Tour event before the Masters (except for the Puerto Rico Open, held opposite a World Golf Championship event), and anyone who gets into the top 50 after the Houston Open.
The field now is at 83 players expected to compete, leaving the Masters in good shape to keep the field under 100 players. Still to be determined is whether the Masters will continue to take winners of all PGA Tour events now that five additional events get full FedEx Cup points.
THE POUTLER COLLECTION: The garage in Ian Poulter's expansive new home in Orlando, Fla., might be mistaken for a Ferrari dealership.
Poulter has two of them in the garage at Lake Nona, and he even built a hydraulic lift to stack them on top of each other. Asked how he decides which one to drive, the Ferrari California or the Ferrari FF, he said it depends on how much time he has to bring one down from the lift. But he's not stopping at two.
"I've got two more coming," he said before leaving the World Challenge in California.
After winning the HSBC Champions and its \$12 million prize, Poulter said he "already spent the check last week." Turns out it was on a third Ferrari, an Enzo. He didn't get into details as much as he did with the FF, which was customized to include his tartan to line the interior. As for the fourth Ferrari?
"I'm not going to tell you what it is until I have my hands on it," Poulter said. "It was the first of its type to come off the production line. It was a vehicle I can't say no to. It's a really a special piece."
Poulter doesn't look at the Ferraris as a hobby, the way some people collect fine art or even baseball cards.
"You can say it's a level of investment," he said. "It's one of those cars that's going to stay good forever."
NBC IN HAWAII: As if the scenery in Hawaii doesn't already make for good television, Tommy Roy plans to take it up a notch.
Roy, the executive producer for golf at NBC Sports, is bringing his crew to Hawaii for the opening two events on the PGA Tour schedule. The Tournament of Champions and Sony Open will be televised by Golf Channel (NBC and Golf Channel are under the Comcast umbrella).
It's the first time Roy has worked golf in Hawaii in 30 years, though he might not get the same unforgettable moment — Isao Aoki holing out a wedge for eagle on the 18th hole to win the Hawaiian Open at Waialae.
"I was in the truck with Aoki holed out," Roy said. "It's pretty exciting to come back on the 30th anniversary." Roy said he plans to add "quite a few cameras" to better show the mountainous terrain on the Plantation Course at Kapalua for the season opener. NBC used to broadcast from Kapalua when the tournament was part of the silly season in November.
He also is pleased with the camera locations for the Sony Open, which sits along the ocean down from Waikiki Beach. Roy said there would be an 80-foot tower on the 16th fairway for visuals of the 16th green, with the ocean as a backdrop. Behind the green are four skinny palm trees in the shape of a "W" for Waialae, and Roy said he is moving the TV stand that was located at the base of that "W."
The formation of the trees is reminiscent of the "Big W," where the cash was buried in the 1963 movie, "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World."
CRUISING INTO ROOKIE SEASON: Patrick Reed is wrapping up an unforgettable year next week when he marries Justine Karain, who was with him each step this year as his caddy. Despite having no status, he played 12 times on the PGA Tour, making through Monday qualifying six times. That didn't get him anywhere, so he had to go through the final two stages of Q-school. And despite a slow start in the final stage, he went 68-67-68-67 the last four rounds to barely get his card.
Next up is his Dec. 21, followed by a cruise from Dec. 28 to Jan. 5.
Reed, however, wants to stay sharp for his rookie debut at the Sony Open in Honolulu, so he's bringing his clubs with him on the honeymoon.
"They're going to let me hit balls off a mat and into the ocean," he said.
DIVOTS: Fred Funk is not done with the kids. The 56-year-old Funk received a sponsor's exemption to play in the Sony Open next month. John Daly also received an exemption into the first full-field event of the 2013 season. ... Two weeks after Moriya Jutanugarn of Thailand was co-medalist at Q-school on the LPGA Tour, her 17-year-old sister, Ariya, won the Ladies European Tour qualifying tournament by five shots.
... Arnold Palmer will be writing a regular column for Golf Channel.com. In his first column, the King applauded the USGA and R&A for the ban on anchoring clubs, such as the belly putter. ... The European Tour has launched a Japanese version of its website. It's the first non-European language of the website. ... The Safeway Classic on the LPGA Tour raised \$1 million for charity this year, pushing its total to \$17 million since 1972, with \$14 million of that coming in the last 17 years.

► CBB TOP 25

Top 25 Fared The Associated Press Tuesday
1. Duke (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cornell, Wednesday.
2. Michigan (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Michigan, Thursday.
3. Syracuse (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
4. Arizona (8-0) vs. Oral Roberts. Next: vs. East Tennessee State, Saturday.
5. Louisville (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida International, Wednesday.
6. Indiana (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Mount St. Mary's, Wednesday.
7. Ohio State (9-1) beat Winthrop 65-55. Next: vs. No. 9 Kansas, Saturday.
8. Florida (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Wednesday.
9. Kansas (9-1) beat Richmond 87-59. Next: at No. 7 Ohio State, Saturday.
10. Illinois (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Missouri, Saturday.
11. Cincinnati (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Wednesday.
12. Missouri (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Illinois, Saturday.
13. Minnesota (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette, Saturday.
14. Gonzaga (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Campbell, Wednesday.
15. Georgetown (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. American, Saturday.
16. New Mexico (11-0) did not play. Next: at New Mexico State, Wednesday.
17. Creighton (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Thursday.
18. San Diego State (8-1) vs. Point Loma Nazarene. Next: vs. San Francisco, Saturday.
19. Butler (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Evansville, Saturday.
20. Michigan State (10-2) beat Bowling Green 64-53. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
21. UNLV (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
22. Notre Dame (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kennesaw State, Wednesday.
23. North Carolina (8-2) did not play. Next: at Texas, Wednesday.
24. Oklahoma State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas-Arlington, Wednesday.
25. N.C. State (7-2) vs. Stanford. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Saturday.

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► COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Johnny Football is AP POY

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

Johnny Manziel ran for almost 1,700 yards and 30 touchdowns as a dual-threat quarterback his senior year of high school at Kenville Tivy.

Who would have thought he'd be even more impressive at Texas A&M when pitted against the defenses of the Southeastern Conference?

On Tuesday, Manziel picked up another major award for his spectacular debut season. He was voted The Associated Press Player of the Year. As with the Heisman Trophy and Davey O'Brien Award that Manziel already won, the QB nicknamed Johnny Football is the first freshman to collect the AP award.

Manziel's 31 votes were more than twice that of second-place finisher Manti Te'o, Notre Dame's start linebacker. He is the third straight Heisman-winning quarterback to receive the honor, following Robert Griffin III and Cam Newton.

Manziel erased initial doubts about his ability when he ran for 60 yards and a score in his first game against Florida.

"I knew I could run the ball, I did it a lot in high school," Manziel said in an interview with the AP. "It is just something that you don't get a chance to see in the spring. Quarterbacks aren't live in the spring. You don't get to tackle. You don't get to evade some of the sacks that you would in nor-

► CAVS BOX

TORONTO (113) Pietrus 1-4 0-0 3, Davis 2-7 0-0 4, Valanciunas 3-6 2-4 8, Calderon 10-15 0-0 23, DeRozan 4-9 8-8 16, Johnson 6-7 5-5 17, Kleiza 2-6 6-7 10, Anderson 6-12 1-2 18, Ross 1-2 0-0 3, Lucas 4-7 1-1 11. Totals 39-75 23-27 113.
CLEVELAND (99) Glee 6-8 2-3 15, Thompson 5-8 0-1 10, Varejao 5-12 12-16 22, Irving 9-16 3-5 23, Waiters 4-13 0-2 8, Miles 4-7 3-13, Zeller 1-2 0-0 2, Walton 0-1 0-0 0, Gibson 2-3 0-0 6, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-70 20-30 99.
Toronto 22 27 29 35—113
Cleveland 29 24 23 23—99
3-Point Goals, Toronto 12-24 (Anderson 5-7, Calderon 3-6, Lucas 2-3, Ross 1-1, Pietrus 1-3, DeRozan 0-1, Kleiza 0-3), Cleveland 7-16 (Gibson 2-3, Miles 2-4, Irving 2-5, Glee 1-1, Walton 0-1, Waiters 0-2). Fouled Out, Miles.
Rebounds, Toronto 42 (Valanciunas 7), Cleveland 42 (Varejao 10). Assists, Toronto 25 (Calderon 6), Cleveland 19 (Irving 7). Total Fouls, Toronto 24, Cleveland 26. Technicals, Lucas. Flagrant Fouls, Johnson, A. 13,233 (20,562).

► NFL NOTES

Jets bench Sanchez, will start McElroy vs Chargers
NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Sanchez is no longer the New York Jets' franchise quarterback.
He might not even be the backup.
Rex Ryan decided to bench Sanchez on Tuesday in favor of Greg McElroy after the fourth-year quarterback had another miserable performance in a 14-10 loss at Tennessee on Monday night that eliminated New York from playoff contention.
"I think it's best for our team, and for this game," Ryan said during a conference call.
So, it'll be McElroy under center for his first NFL start when the Jets (6-8) play the San Diego Chargers at home Sunday. Ryan hasn't decided whether Sanchez or Tim Tebow — listed as the No. 2 quarterback — will be the backup.
While Sanchez blew the second chance Ryan gave him a few weeks ago, Tebow was leapfrogged by a third-stringer, fueling speculation that the team has little confidence in him as a quarterback.
"I have to look at what I think is the best for the team and not necessarily the individual," Ryan said. "I'll say this about Tim and I've always said it: I know he wants to help this team be successful in the worst way and there's no doubt about that."
Sanchez threw four interceptions Monday night and wasn't able to handle a low snap with the game on the line, ending the Jets' hopes to get back into the postseason.
Things got worse after the game for Sanchez, who received a series of death threats from one disgruntled fan on Twitter. League spokesman Greg Aiello said the NFL's security staff was aware of the man's threats and was working with the Jets to assist on the matter. The team declined comment through a spokesman.
Ryan said after the loss that he wasn't ready to decide who would start against the Chargers, but told Sanchez he would be making a change at quarterback by going with either McElroy or Tebow.
"He respected my decision," Ryan said. "That's not easy, that's for sure."
After talking to his staff and members of the organization Tuesday, Ryan chose McElroy.
"This is my opinion, and I do believe that it's best for our team that Greg is our quarterback," Ryan insisted. "I'm the guy that's making this decision. Every decision I make is based on what I believe is the best decision for the team."
But Ryan was vague in his answers to why he selected McElroy above Tebow, choosing after being asked several times to not go into detail about what specifically factored into the decision.

► NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE		Atlantic Division		Southeast Division	
		W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	6	0	.750	—
Brooklyn	13	11	5	.542	5
Philadelphia	12	12	5	.500	6
Boston	12	12	5	.500	6
Toronto	7	19	26	.269	12

		W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	16	6	.727	—	
Atlanta	15	7	.682	1	
Orlando	11	13	.458	6	
Charlotte	7	16	.304	9½	
Washington	3	19	.136	13	

Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	10	.583	—	
Milwaukee	13	10	.565	½	
Indiana	13	12	.520	1½	
Detroit	7	20	.259	8½	
Cleveland	5	21	.192	10	

WESTERN CONFERENCE		Southwest Division		Northwest Division	
		W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	7	.731	—	
Memphis	16	6	.727	1	
Houston	12	12	.500	6	
Dallas	11	13	.458	7	
New Orleans	5	18	.217	12½	

		W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	—	
Utah	14	12	.538	7	
Minnesota	12	11	.522	7½	
Denver	13	12	.520	7½	
Portland	11	12	.478	8½	

Pacific Division		W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	18	6	.750	—	
Golden State	16	8	.667	2	
L.A. Lakers	11	14	.440	7½	
Phoenix	10	15	.400	8½	
Sacramento	7	17	.292	11	

Monday's Games
Orlando 102, Minnesota 93
Houston 109, New York 96
L.A. Clippers 88, Detroit 76
Memphis 80, Chicago 71
Oklahoma City 107, San Antonio 93
Phoenix 101, Sacramento 90
Tuesday's Games
Toronto 113, Cleveland 99
Atlanta 100, Washington 95, OT
Utah 92, Brooklyn 90
Miami 103, Minnesota 92
Chicago 100, Boston 89
Milwaukee 98, Indiana 93
San Antonio at Denver, (n)
New Orleans at Golden State, (n)
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, (n)
Wednesday's Games
Brooklyn at New York, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
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Miami at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.

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THIS IS MY JOB!

SOUP TO NUTS

I JUST GOT MY ALLOWANCE! I'M GONNA MAKE IT RAIN IN HERE!

LOOKS LIKE MORE OF A DRIZZLE..

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FOR ME?

GO AHEAD! OPEN IT!

BLONDIE

I'D LIKE TO HAVE THIS GIFT-WRAPPED

WHAT'S THE POINT?

IT'S PROBABLY THE WRONG SIZE, THE WRONG COLOR, OR THE WRONG SOMETHING AND WILL END UP BEING EXCHANGED ANYWAY!

I'D LIKE TO RETURN THIS

YOU TOOK IT TO THAT NEW GAL IN GIFT WRAP, DIDN'T YOU?

BORN LOSER

ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR IS THE SCENT OF A CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE HOUSE.

IT'S LIKE A STROLL THROUGH AN EVERGREEN FOREST! DON'T YOU LOVE IT?

NOT PARTICULARLY—MY TREE SMELLS MORE LIKE A TOUR THROUGH A PLASTICS FACTORY!

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

WAKE UP, MICHAEL! —HEY, WHAT'S INNA BOX?

CAREFUL, ELIZABETH—THERE'S A BROKEN GLASS IN THERE!

THERE'S AN ANGEL IN THERE...AND SHE'S BROKEN INTO THREE PIECES.

YOU MEAN DIS ONE?

FRANK AND EARNEST

I JUST INVENTED NUMBERS!

I KNEW WE COULD COUNT ON YOU!

DILBERT

BEFORE I MAKE MY DECISION, I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR OPINIONS.

IT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU FEEL "ENGAGED."

AND YOU ACTUALLY PLAN TO LISTEN TO US?

I'M HOPING IT WILL LOOK THAT WAY ON THE OUTSIDE.

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LEOPRA

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How wonderful to see you, Casper!

ALL THE OTHER GHOSTS ENJOYED BEING WITH CASPER BECAUSE HE WAS ALWAYS IN

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHESS ALLOW VIOLET WALNUT

Answer: After attempting to win for years, he finished first — AT LAST

GIL THORPE

MISS HUNTER'S SKINNY SELF NEEDS A MILKSHAKE.

THE BUCKET IT IS!

SO HOW'S THE BOYFRIEND, MIA? STILL IN A FOG?

POOR THING.

SCOTT HAD HIMSELF CONVINCED HIS BROTHER WOULD PULL THROUGH—NO MATTER WHAT THE DOCTORS SAID.

HI AND LOIS

WHEN IS DOT'S FRIEND GOING TO LEAVE?

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

SHE'S WAITING FOR ME UNDER THE MISTLETOE!

OH, DITTO.

BABYBLUES

AGH! STUPID HAMMER!

SON, A GOOD CRAFTSMAN NEVER BLAMES HIS TOOLS.

THEN WHO DOES HE BLAME?

WHO DO YOU THINK?

HIS DAD?

ON SECOND THOUGHT, IT'S THE HAMMER'S FAULT.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Rip-off

5 Fairway gizmo

8 Prefix for second

12 Bear constellation

13 Checkout scan

14 Holy image

15 Demeanor

16 Dance outfits

18 Trinket

20 Queen beaters

21 Honest prez

22 52, for Cato

23 Plugs away

26 14-line poem

29 Mixes in

30 Like cheetahs

31 Zig opposite

33 Job-ad letters

34 Family member

35 Paris hub

36 Kingdoms

38 Misgiving

39 AAA suggestion

40 Many oz.

41 — Raton, Fla.

43 Proven reliable

46 Chenille item

48 Orchidlike blossom

50 Mouthful

51 Remote

52 El — (ocean current)

53 Lump of dirt

54 Have a go at

55 The Bee —

DOWN

1 I am, to Caesar

2 Infant's bed

3 Yachting

4 How-to books

5 Gauzy fabric

6 Pentathlon event

7 Environmental prefix

8 Vitamin B component

9 Large lot

10 Drowsses off

11 Switch positions

17 Spoil

19 Air rifle ammo

22 Finished last

23 — kwon do

24 Garbage bin output

25 — fixe

26 Without, to Pierre

27 Pound or Cornell

28 Like a skyscraper

30 Show vexation

32 Workout locale

34 Bachelor's last stop

35 Deposing

37 Curved

38 TD passers

40 Wary

41 Kettle handle

42 Dog in "Beetle Bailey" (hyph.)

43 Ski lift

44 Pennsylvania port

45 Wine and —

46 Telly channel

47 Recurrently

49 Brillo rival

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ASP	RUBE	BEVY
RUE	AMOK	EDIE
KEEPSAKE	BABA	
SYRUP	TOMES	
	LYE	CAP
BUCS	NYET	GOT
ALEE	JAY	ADA
CNN	OWL	LOID
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DUDS	BETE	AMT

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AT LAST! SHE DID SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

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HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS
12/19/12

Venus Favors Risk

By definition, extenuating circumstances are uncommon enough to warrant a special pardon or reduced punishment. If someone needs such a pardon regularly, the problem is perhaps the extenuator and not the circumstance. Venus trine to Uranus favors taking a risk. Note that taking a risk is not the same thing as taking advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You may still be experiencing the echoes of a past hurt. But like all reverberations, the signal bounces around, losing impact with each surface it encounters. A faint whisper and then it's gone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

People underestimate the benefit of a pleasant personality. Those who can make you smile just because they seem to be enjoying themselves need a larger role in your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

What seems cute on a first date might not bring the same warm feeling a few years later. Similarly, what was odd to you many years ago is now such a fixture in your daily life that you'll be surprised if anyone reacts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Do not rush the getting-to-know-you process. Whether in business, friendship or love, it will be important to get into relationships slowly enough to note and react to each piece of learning along the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Someone will add fuel to your fire, probably by making you mad. You'll set a new goal and then knock yourself out to meet and surpass it, regardless of the challenge involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Similar to how night dreaming can lead to a deeper sleep, daydreaming can lead to a deeper experience of your waking life. You'll realize something you want and start envisioning scenarios to take you there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People are depending on you, which is a big part of what keeps you moving at such a high level of intensity. You become stronger and more trustworthy with every delivered promise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You'll soon ponder whether old acquaintances should "be forgot." Today it's lucky to make efforts to ensure they are not. New business and personal contacts come out of your old address book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

An irresponsible leader is an oxymoron. The one in charge contributes directly to the outcome and will be held accountable. The leader will take the heat of the blame or the warmth of the applause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You've put a lot out into the world in the past few weeks, and now you may be feeling spread thin. Long overdue dividends arrive in the evening. It will feel wonderful to finally hold what's yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Do what it takes to bring a relationship back into harmonious balance. With your personal life settled, you can get into professional matters with renewed focus.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You don't have to have a Mensa-meriting IQ to know people or, more importantly, to know yourself. You'll remain the smartest person in the room as you assess the social dynamic and determine your role.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 19).

You'll amaze friends and family this year with the new ways in which you present yourself and your work. This will be a slow unfolding. In the next six weeks, you'll work intently on your inner world. Then February brings new connections and practices. You'll cash in on an investment in May. June brings your showcase. Virgo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 10, 37 and 12.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What advice do you have for a Leo who is obsessed with a Gemini? I fantasize about him all the time. I can't get off his Facebook page. I look at every picture and keep track of what he's doing. I'm in love, and it's a possibility that he likes me, too, but right now he has a girlfriend. How can I get him to notice me?"

What you're experiencing is not love; it's desire. So, as much as I would like to reason with you that cyber-stalking is creepy, that obsessive fantasizing is a kind of sickness and that liking someone with a girlfriend may be a sign that you're not really up to a real-world relationship, the line of logic would probably be wasted on you. Desire is illogical. In the clutches of desire, judgment flies out the window. Counter-intuitively, sometimes the best way to return to reason is to go deeper into the madness of desire until the wanting plays out. These things usually have a shelf life, and for a passionate fire sign such as yourself, dear Leo, it's likely to happen more quickly than you expect. Venus in your fellow fire sign of Sagittarius will soon have you looking around for other ways to spend your plethora of creative energy.

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Heloise

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take off the number of leaves needed, rinse and eat. — **Heloise**

Here's another lettuce hint:

LETTUCE WRAP

Dear Heloise: I enjoy your column in The (Monroe, La.) News-Star. Before cutting a wedge from a head of lettuce, I remove one large outer leaf. Then I place this leaf over the cut surface like a bandage before wrapping it and putting it in the refrigerator. It greatly reduces the browning of the cut edges. — **Gayle M., Monroe, La.**

EASIER DEVILED EGGS

Dear Heloise: Here is my recipe for easy deviled eggs: Cut peeled, hard-boiled eggs in half. Make a topping of mayonnaise, mustard and any other condiments you would like. Spread this mixture on top of the cut eggs. You may add olive slices on top, minced parsley, etc. — **Elaine W., Harrisburg, Pa.**

Deviled eggs are delicious! They are so popular, and this is a clever shortcut, with a fun twist, to making them. Love it! — **Heloise**

FROZEN GARBAGE

Dear Heloise: When cooking or baking something that requires eggs, I hate throwing the shells in the garbage can, especially if pickup isn't for a few days. I take the shells or any offensive-smelling object and put it in a plastic bag, like one the newspaper comes in, and stick it in the door of the freezer. On garbage day, I just open the freezer door and throw out the plastic bag. This works well with shellfish, too. The only trouble is that you have to remember to throw it out! — **Judy B., Hobe Sound, Fla.**

BAKING HINTS

Dear Heloise: Your hints have simplified my life in so many ways! Here are two of my favorite baking hints:

First, I use an ice-cream scoop with a scraper for placing cupcake batter in liners. This ensures that every cupcake is the same size, and it makes the process mess-free.

My second hint comes in handy when making brownies. I scoop the brownie batter into cupcake liners for bite-size brownies. This is a great hint for anyone needing a dessert for a potluck dinner. — **Holly in Austin, Texas**

KEEPING CRUMBS

Dear Heloise: I keep a covered container of crushed soda crackers. It is so quick to put some in a bowl of soup, and it eliminates cracker crumbs. This is especially helpful when you're serving small children. — **L.H., Rapid City, S.D.**

Woman in triangle not thinking straight

DEAR ABBY: I am a 31-year-old, never-married mother of two. Last summer I started having an affair with "Jordan," the father of my first child. He left me when our daughter was a year old and has been engaged for three years in an on-again, off-again relationship.

I could give you excuses about why the affair started up again, but the truth is we both knew it was wrong and continued to do it anyway. I never stopped loving him and I thought it would bring him back to me.

Today I found out from Jordan's fiancée that they have set their wedding date for next spring. She said they would like for me to come. As if it wouldn't be painful enough to go to the wedding, his fiancée has also asked me to do her hair for the occasion. (I'm a hairstylist.) Abby, Jordan and I are still having an affair. I want to tell her, but I don't want him to hate me. I believe this wedding is a big mistake for many reasons, not just the obvious. Please give me some outside advice. — **CAN'T HELP MYSELF IN OHIO**

DEAR CAN'T HELP YOURSELF: OK, the first thing to do is wake up, smell the coffee and accept that resuming the sexual relationship with Jordan has not had the desired effect. He WILL be marrying someone else.

Next, concentrate on saving yourself and waste no more of your time on him — that is, if you would like a permanent, monogamous relationship with someone. Jordan has given you ample proof that he is incapable of being faithful to one woman.

And last, tell his fiancée that you do not plan to attend the wedding or do her hair because you are in love with Jordan and have been sleeping with him since last summer.

DEAR ABBY: I have known my husband for seven years and I love him very much, but I am no longer "in love" with him. Somehow along the way the spark has fizzled.

We have a wonderful family and have been through so much together. I don't want a divorce. I want to make our marriage work, and so does he. So how do I get my spark back? — **SPARKLESS IN TEXAS**

DEAR SPARKLESS: That you and your husband want your marriage to work means it is capable of being resuscitated. While you didn't give any details, it is possible that you have been "through so much" that it didn't allow you to concentrate on each other. Exhaustion and distraction can cause a spark to fizzle. A way to reignite it would be to spend more time alone together, participate in activities you both enjoy, and make time on a regular basis to talk, relax and touch each other. And if necessary, enlist the services of a licensed marriage counselor.

DEAR ABBY: My sister relinquished custody of her kids in a divorce 30 years ago. I recently made contact with them to re-establish lost ties. The contact I made with the daughter has been a wonderful success. The other resulted in complete — and understandable — rejection.

Now my sister, who didn't want to open the door, blames me for her heartache because her son rejected her. Was I wrong for bringing at least one of them back into the family? — **SISTER IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR SISTER: Because you did it over your sister's objections, I think you were. While the daughter seems interested in establishing contact — at least for now — your sister has now "lost" her son TWICE. And if the daughter eventually backs off, your sister will be zero for two.

WEDNESDAY											DEC. 19	
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(3) (WKYC)	News	News	News	Ent		The 2012 Miss Universe Competition (N)		Chicago Fire (N) '14		News	Jay Leno	
(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Inside	Ent	Middle	Naigh	Mod Fam	The Year With Katie Couric (N)		News	Nightline	
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	The List	Let's Ask	Middle	Naigh	Mod Fam	The Year With Katie Couric (N)		News	Nightline	
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News at 6PM		News	Big Bang	The X Factor 'Season Finale, Part I' '14			News		Big Bang	Seinfeld	
(9) (WTOV)	News (N)	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The 2012 Miss Universe Competition (N)		Chicago Fire (N) '14		News	Jay Leno		
(11) (WPXI)	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The 2012 Miss Universe Competition (N)		Chicago Fire (N) '14		News	Jay Leno		
(17) (WDLI)	(4:30) 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'		Behind	Turning	Prince	End		Praise The Lord From HLE Christmas				
(19) (WOIO)	News	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Home-Holidays		Criminal Minds '14		CSI: Crime Scene		News	Late Sh.
(21) (WFMY)	News	News	Inside	FamFeud	The 2012 Miss Universe Competition (N)		Chicago Fire (N) '14		News	Jay Leno		
(22) (WCWB)	American	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Seinfeld	NUMB3RS ♣ PG		NUMB3RS ♣ PG		Friends	Friends	Baggage	Excused
(23) (WVPX)	(5:00) Movie: *** 'The Fugitive' ♣				WWE Main Event		Movie: *** 'The Perfect Storm' (2000) ♣					Slumdog
(27) (WKBN)	First	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Home-Holidays		Criminal Minds '14		CSI: Crime Scene		First	Late Sh.
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Pain meds, proper breathing treat ribs



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DRS.

DONOHUE AND ROACH: I recently cracked two ribs at home. I had a terrible accident, and there was much pain. The doctor treating me would not wrap my chest, and only gave me pain pills. What is the standard treatment for rib fractures? — **L.B.**

ANSWER:

Rib fractures are not uncommon, and can happen with even a moderate blow to the chest. When a rib fracture is suspected, an X-ray usually is done to confirm the diagnosis, to look for other injuries and to see if the fracture is displaced — meaning, potentially, that a sharp end of broken rib can do damage to the lung and other tissues inside. Fortunately, usually this happens only in high-impact injuries.

Unlike other bones, ribs cannot be effectively immobilized, even with the tightest chest wrap. The ribs move every time you breathe, so healing can be painfully prolonged. Pain medication is necessary, especially because the body's natural tendency is to "splint" over to one side, causing the affected ribs to move less. This is dangerous, because the lungs don't inflate as well underneath the area of the fracture, and collapse of part of the lung can lead to infection. I have seen several cases of serious pneumonia due to rib fractures. Pain medication and breathing exercises reduce the splinting and the risk of infection.

DEAR DRs. DONOHUE AND ROACH: Twenty years ago, I had surgery on my lower back due to disk disease. Although the surgeon put in plates and screws, the process was not successful. I would have pain all the time, were it not for hydrocodone and tramadol. I take each of these four times a day. I have tried cutting down to three times a day, but it is too painful. I saw a different back surgeon, who

Disappointed to miss the concert



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Back in May, our son and his wife invited us to a concert at the end of December to celebrate my husband's milestone birthday. They said it would be their treat, and we all agreed it would be a fun evening.

Over the next few months, we got together often, and no mention was made of the concert. Yesterday, I sent a text saying we were excited about the concert and asked what time we should leave. Our son responded with a text saying they weren't going and that we should have checked with them sooner.

Regardless of the reason — whether illness, money, work schedule or whatever — shouldn't the people who extended the invitation let the guests know there is a change of plans? We are so disappointed and — **Confused About Cancellation**

Dear Confused: Your son and his wife should not have issued the invitation unless they meant it and certainly should have notified you well in advance if the plans had changed. However, it's also possible they simply forgot about it until it was too late to get the tickets, in which case, mentioning how excited you were

said the best hope for fixing the problem correctly would be to go in the front of the body and then in the back, anchoring from both directions. I'm scared to death to do that. I am now 72 years old.

My reason for writing is to ask you if I am harming myself in any way. I worry about it a lot. I do not see any side effects of the medication — maybe I've become a little immune to them. — **V.W.**

ANSWER: Yours is a very common story. Surgery for back pain helps most of the time — but sometimes IT doesn't help or even makes things worse. I consult surgical colleagues who are known to be cautious about the decision to operate, since a back surgery that fails is the worst possible outcome. Before doing back surgery — especially a second back surgery — both patient and surgeon need to consider that back pain usually gets better over time, and that surgery occasionally makes things worse. There are certainly a few times when back surgery needs to be done right away: In the case of weakness that is getting worse, back surgery can save nerves, muscles and the ability to function.

If you are able to do the things you need to do, are getting enough pain relief to get you by, even if you still have some pain, then I would be very cautious about getting back surgery.

DEAR DRs. DONOHUE AND ROACH: More than a year ago, my wife was diagnosed with CRP. Tell me more about it. — **L.B.**

ANSWER: CRP, C-reactive protein, is a lab test that indicates there's inflammation somewhere in the body. It's not a specific test for a specific disease. It's slipped far down in the rankings of important lab tests.

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Teacher sole heir of \$7.4M gold coin fortune

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Walter Samaszko Jr. was a loner whose death went largely unnoticed. That all changed when a crew sent to clean out his house found a fortune stashed away in the garage of his modest ranch-style home. There were ammunition boxes stuffed with thousands of gold coins, from Austria, Mexico and the United States. There was enough gold to fill up two wheelbarrows — more than \$7.4 million worth. “There was every kind of coin you could think of,” said Alan Glover, the Carson City clerk and the public administrator of the estate who borrowed a neighbor’s wheelbarrow to haul the treasure out. City officials searched through records to find an heir: a substitute teacher in the San Francisco Bay Area who a judge declared Tuesday was Samaszko’s lone surviving first cousin. The decision means Arlene Magdanz of San Rafael, Calif., is a millionaire. She didn’t attend the hearing and, so far, has not said anything publicly about her newfound fortune. Officials were able to track her down using a funeral bulletin at Samaszko’s home that led to his father’s service in Chicago in the early 1960s, and then newspaper clippings that listed survivors. When a lawyer told her that her 69-year-old cousin’s estate was valued in the millions, officials said, she was surprised, just like everyone else, including his neighbors on their quiet street.

No one seemed to know him at all, even though he had lived in the house since the 1960s. His mother lived with him until her death in 1992. When he died, the house was generally well kept. “I don’t think I saw him in the year I was out here,” said Curtis Hastings, who dropped mail into a slot in Samaszko’s garage. A woman who lived just two doors down said she didn’t know him. Samaszko’s body was found in June after neighbors called authorities, though it was not clear what prompted them to do so. He had been dead of heart problems for at least a month, according to the coroner. Officials don’t know what Samaszko did for a living. They also don’t know how he earned the money that was used to buy the gold. There were meticulous records of the purchases, since at least 1964, leading Glover to suspect that the gold coins may have been mainly bought over the years by Samaszko’s mother. His bank account stood at \$1,200. He had a money market and mutual fund with a combined value of more than \$165,000 when it was closed. His three-bedroom, 1,200-square-foot house was sold for \$112,000. “He was not a coin collector,” Glover said. “He was a gold investor.” While the coins themselves were “nothing spectacular,” Glover said, there were a lot of them — thousands, some wrapped up neatly in foil or plastic cases, others loose in bags. There were more than 2,900 Austrian coins, many from 1915; 4,500 from Mexico; 500 from Britain; 300 U.S. gold pieces, some dating to 1880; and more than 100 U.S. gold pieces as old as the 1890s. They were stored mostly in 2-foot-by-2-foot-by-2.5-foot ammo boxes stacked on top of each other. The variety of coins impressed Howard Herz, the appraiser of the fortune for the estate who has seen a lot as curator of gambling collections at Harvey’s Resort at Lake Tahoe from 1960-93. “It was an extraordinarily well calculated investment in gold,” Herz said. Besides his house, Samaszko’s other belongings have fetched very little: A bike sold for \$2, a saw for \$10.70 and a wrench for \$15. (A 1968 Ford Mustang California Special will soon be auctioned, appraised at \$17,000).

Irish gov. to legalize life-saving abortion

DUBLIN (AP) — Ireland’s government pledged Tuesday to pass a law soon that will allow women to receive abortions if continued pregnancy threatens their lives — including from their own threats to commit suicide if denied one. The announcement comes after decades of inaction on abortion in Ireland, and just weeks after the predominantly Catholic country faced international criticism over the death of an Indian woman hospitalized in Ireland with an imminent miscarriage. Health Minister James Reilly said parliamentary hearings on the issue would begin next month, lawmakers would receive a bill by Easter and they would be expected to vote on it by the summer. This would mark the first time that Irish lawmakers have ever voted on abortion, arguably the most divisive issue in a country whose constitution bans the practice. The government of Prime Minister Enda Kenny promised a swift response after the Oct. 28 death of 31-year-old dentist Savita Halappanavar. Authorities did not make public the woman’s death at the time, but her widower accused doctors at University Hospital Galway of refusing to terminate the pregnancy because the doomed 17-week-old fetus still had a heartbeat. Halappanavar spent three days in increasing pain and illness before the fetus died and its remains were surgically removed. She then died from blood poisoning and organ failure three days after that. Her husband has refused to cooperate with two official Irish investigations into her death and instead is planning to sue Ireland in the European Court of Human Rights. She was not a Catholic.

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